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Board of Management Meeting 2

Tues 21st January 2020

Agreed Report

Board of Management

The second meeting of the current Board of Management was held on Tues 21st January 2020. Jan O'Donoghue was appointed as the Health & Safety Officer for the new Board.

Current Officers of the Board:

Chairperson: Johnny McMahon

Secretary: John Drewett

Treasurer: Marjorie Quinn

Health & Safety Officer: Jan O'Donoghue

Staff Appointments

Ms. Sumner has been appointed to cover the remainder of a Secondment.

Child Protection

The Child Protection Oversight Report was shared by the Principal with the Board of Management. It was discussed, accepted and signed by the Chairperson.

Ms. Bonner is the new Deputy Designated Liaison Person.

Mr Drewett is the Designated Liaison Person.

Finance

The school accounts were submitted, discussed and approved by the Board.

New Building Project

A design team has been appointed by the DES to work with the school and the DES on designing our new building. The next step of carrying out site and building surveys has begun.

Charities Regulator

The Board members have been registered with the Charities Regulator and the Annual Report for 2017-2018 has been completed online.

Board of Management Training

We have booked 3 places on the Board of Management Training programme provided by the Diocese for Feb 5th 2020 in Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge from 7:30 to 9:30. Jan O'Donoghue, Carrie-Ann Devitt and Linda Donnelly will attend the training.

Secretaries Industrial Action

The Secretaries' work-to-rule has been suspended as of 09:00 on Tues 21st Jan 2020 following invitation to WRC talks.

Living our Ethos

Catholic Schools Week 26th Jan to 2nd Feb 2020.

School Mass on Feb 7th at 11:30.

First Confession Sat 8th Feb 2020

Ceremony of Light on Thurs 30th Jan 2020

General Election 2020

School will be used for the General election on Saturday 8th February.

Policy Ratification

Procedures around prohibited parents was discussed and ratified.

School Self-Evaluation & School Improvement Plans

The following plans have been initiated in the school for this year..

Plan 1: Literacy Plan – Primary Languages Curriculum – Planning and Implementation in English and then Gaeilge – Planning Template

Plan 2: Digital Learning Plan – Year 2 – Infrastructure Upgrade final phase – Staff Development projects

Plan 3: New School Building Project

Plan 4: Literacy Plan – Sixth Class Library development to join in with new Junior Cycle English reading lists.

Plan 5: Student Council – setting up and maintaining a Student Council to give students a voice.

Plan 6: Gaeilge development in the school – Aoine Bheo to begin in January – PLC in Gaeilge to be developed and new teacher practices and pupil learning experiences to be engaged in and embedded.

Plan 7: School Concert in May

Plan 8: Enhancing Communication among all Stakeholders in the School – pupils, teachers, parents, Parents' Association and Board of Management.

PTA Update

Meeting held on Weds 15th Jan 2020.

Punchestown Flag Day on 9th Feb 2020

Christmas Draw on Mon 16th Dec. money lodged in No.2 Account – to be used for Library Books and ICT.

PTA hope to run a Fill the Van fundraiser on either Feb 13th & 14th or March 5th & 6th.

Next Meeting Weds 5th Feb 2020.

Substitute Teacher Crisis

A text to be sent to parents to put the issue to politicians to highlight the problem for schools.

ISLM Team

ISLM Team Meeting to be held next week.

Croke Park Hours / Staff CPD

A Staff Meeting was held on Mon 13th December 2019 for 1.5 hours. It focused on Planning with the PLC.

Front Access – Drop off & Collection Issues:

The Board discussed the issues and concerns around pupil drop-off and collection at the school gate. Board members will liaise with Kildare County Council to discuss options.

Maintenance

The maintenance costs of managing such an old building continue to be a challenge.

Plumbers and electrical services were required since the last meeting incurring significant expense.

Next Meeting

Date: Tues 25th February 2020

Venue: School

Time: 7pm