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Board of Management Meeting 3

Tues 25th February 2020

Agreed Report

Board of Management

The third meeting of the current Board of Management was held on Tues 25th Feb 2020.

Current Officers of the Board:

Chairperson: Johnny McMahon

Secretary: John Drewett

Treasurer: Marjorie Quinn

Health & Safety Officer: Jan O'Donoghue

Members: Robert Kennedy

Carrie-Ann Devitt

Deacon Fergal O'Neill

Linda Donnelly

Staff Appointments

Ms Bolger has resigned her post.

Interviews will be held in March to fill the vacancy.

Ms McDermott has returned from maternity leave.

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.

On 24/02/2020 a Financial Submission was sent to the FSSU from Clinton Higgins for the school year 2018/2019. This submission fulfils the financial reporting obligations of the DES, the Charities Regulator, the Charities Act 2009 and the Central Statistics Office. Noted.

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. Surveys of the site and buildings continue. A payment system for this project was agreed.

Board of Management Training

Two Board Members attended the Board of Management Training programme provided by the Diocese for Feb 5th 2020 in Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge from 7:30 to 9:30.

Living our Ethos

Ceremony of Light on Thurs 30th Jan 2020

School Mass for Catholic Schools Week was held in early February.

Confirmation Mass will take place on Fri 28th Feb 2020.

Lenten season begins in the school.

General Election 2020

School was used for the General election on Saturday 8th February. A basketball pole was damaged and has been replaced.

Droichead Professional Support Team

Louise Pearson has been appointed to the school PST. She will attend training for four days with the NIPT over the coming weeks.

Policy Ratification

The school's EPV Policy was given to Board members to be reviewed at the next meeting.

School Self-Evaluation & School Improvement Plans

The following plans continue to be implemented 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 5th Feb 2020.

Fill the Van on Fri 20th March 2020. School open to take bags on Thurs 19th March.

Bag pack in Dunne’s Stores on June 6th 2020.

School Concert on Tues 26th May; Weds 27th May; Thurs 28th May in Moat Theatre.

Next meeting on Weds 4th March 2020 at 8pm.

Substitute Teacher Crisis

The lack of trained substitute teachers continues to be a major problem.

ISLM Team

ISLM Team Meeting will meet on Mon 2nd March.

Croke Park Hours / Staff CPD

A Staff Meeting was held on Mon 10th Feb 2019 for 1.5 hours. It focused on Planning with the PLC on our new planning template.

The next Staff Meeting will be on Mon 9th March 2020.

Front Access – Drop off & Collection Issues:

The Board discussed the issues and concerns around pupil drop-off and collection at the school gate. Robert Kennedy to meet with representatives of KCC to explore 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 31st March 2020

Venue: School

Time: 7pm