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Board of Management Meeting 11

Weds 20th January 2021

Agreed Report

Board of Management

The eleventh meeting of the current Board of Management was held on Weds 20th January 2021. It was held as an online meeting on Zoom due to Covid restrictions.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of Tues 1st December 2020 were reviewed, adopted and signed.

Covid 19 Distance Learning Plan

The COVID 19 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN was updated with some minor amendments. The school has returned to remote teaching & learning from Mon 11th January 2021. A copy is in the Principal's Office.

Lead Worker Representative is Trish Ryan. Principal met with Trish to discuss any issues raised by staff.

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 Deputy Designated Liaison Person.

Mr Drewett is the Designated Liaison Person.

Child Protection Training has been completed by all Staff members and most of the Board of Management. We have a register of the personnel and the training they have undergone.

Members of the Board also attended online training on The Board of Management - Exploring Best Practice run by ESCI on Zoom on Tues 19th January 2021.

Finance

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

New Building Project

The Chairperson and Principal had a Zoom Meeting with the Design Team and DES on Weds 2nd December from 10:00 to 13:00. This was the Stage 1 Meeting to present options and select a preferred option for the building project.

The Architect has subsequently reported that the DES is satisfied to move the project to stage 2a. A formal communication will be issued by the department shortly. This will allow us to prepare for detail design and lodge proposal for planning application.

Living our Ethos

Each class teacher continues teaching the Religion programme remotely. We have forwarded a letter from the Parish Team updating parents on Sacramental Preparation.

Admissions

The Admissions notice was posted on the website on Thurs 7th January. The application forms were made available on the website from Thurs 14th January 2021. We advertised the application process in the Leinster Leader, on our website, with a message to parents through the Aladdin Connect App, on St Corbans twitter feed and on the Naas Ball twitter feed. Applications are to be posted to the school.

The boys in Senior Infants in Mercy Convent have all been sent an enrolment form for First Class for next year.

ICT Developments

Teachers are using Seesaw and Google Classroom to teach remotely with support from our ICT Committee. Teachers have been given guidelines on advised best practice in using synchronous and asynchronous systems for remote learning.

We have loaned out 13 Chromebooks.

We loaned one of our iPads to a Junior Infant pupil as this is more suited to Seesaw for infants.

We have purchased 7 visualisers.

All teachers using Seesaw have upgraded to Seesaw Plus. We gave staff the ok to purchase Twinkl subscriptions.

School Self-Evaluation & School Improvement Plans

SIP 1: Teacher Planning - ongoing

SIP 2: ICT Development - ongoing

SIP 3: Covid 19 Return to School Plan – being implemented and evolving as needed.

SIP 4: English Literacy at Senior Levels with the focus on Writing

PTA Update

The PTA provided each child with a Christmas treat.

ISLM Team

The ISLM Team met on Mon 19th October to review our Covid 19 - Return to School Plan.

We also discussed the ongoing work of each member in his/her respective subject areas.

Health and Safety

We have updated the Risk Assessments to cater for new situations created by Covid Policies.

Maintenance

Driveway down to car-park has been repaired.

We continue to have blockages on the sewer system between the old school and the field.

Leaking roofs: We are progressing our Emergency Works on repairing the leaking flat-roofs.

The Chairperson is working with the Engineer on the tendering process to get a suitable contractor to complete the works.

Next Meeting

Date: Tues 23rd February 2021

Venue: School Room 3 or Online by Zoom

Time: 7pm