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Board of Management Meeting 15

Tues 06th July 2021

Agreed Report

Board of Management

The fifteenth meeting of the current Board of Management was held on Tues 6th July 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
Yvette Delaney

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of Tues 11th May 2021 were reviewed, adopted and signed.

Covid 19 Distance Learning Plan

The COVID 19 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN was updated with amendments.

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 all of the Board of Management. We have a register of the personnel and the training they have undergone.

Finance

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

New Building Project

The new building is in an advanced planning stage. A meeting between the Board and the Architects was held for Fri 21st May 2021.

Living our Ethos

Confirmation: The Sixth Classes had a mass with Fr. Liam in Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane on Tuesday 22nd June at 1 pm.

The Sixth classes had a Virtual Retreat with Bishop Denis online.

The Confirmations and Communions have been postponed due to Covid 19.

Admissions

Ms Bonner and Mr Drewett held a Welcome Meeting on Zoom with parents of in-coming children on Thurs 17th June 2021. A school visit for the new pupils will be arranged for the incoming Junior Infants in August before the school officially re-opens.

Staff CPD

Teachers continue to engage with the Education Centres and to upskill on ICT and other courses.

PLC Webinars for one half-day each term next year.

We are planning a suite of CPD courses for our teachers in the Autumn which will include ICT (Interactive Flatscreens; Aladdin; Google Classroom), Health & Safety (Manual Handling; First Aid Training; Caretaker Training), Planning & Preparation Training.

End of Year Events

Standardised tests in English Reading & Maths have been administered in the last two weeks of May. These results for Second, Fourth & Sixth have been uploaded to the DES Esinet site. End of Year Reports were sent to parents on the Aladdin Connect App on Weds 16th June. The Graduation Ceremony for Sixth Class was held in the school yard on Monday 28th June. The PTA funded commemorative mugs and the Board paid for the School Yearbook

Policy Ratification

Assistive Technology Policy was ratified.

ICT Developments

We are in the process of updating our Microsoft Office renewal licences at a cost of €890 + VAT. Damon from Computer Solutions is looking after this for us.

He is also updating the Anti-virus on the laptops at a cost of $\in 2 + VAT$ per laptop.

We can purchase a storage unit or store it in the cloud on Google Drive by purchasing a plan or else purchase a Microsoft Storage plan for €2 per month.

We have purchased 5 new Chromebooks as we need more to allow each child to have an individual Chrome book and our biggest class is 34.

Seesaw Premium for all Junior Classes was agreed in principle. We will check what the best offer available is for a school of our size.

A decision on paying for teacher access to Twinkl was deferred until the next meeting.

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.

PTA Update

The PTA held a Zoom meeting on 24th March 2021. They are helping to organise events for the Sixth Class Graduation.

We had the Ice-cream van visit the school on June 17th 2021. The school covered the cost. The PTA presented a mug with the year and school crest to each Sixth Class pupil at the Graduation.

ISLM Team

The ISLM Team had two meetings on Mon 31st May and on Thursday 24th June 2021 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

The Emergency Works on the flat roofs has been completed.

There continues to be issues with blockages in the sewer on the field-side of the school.

Next Meeting

Date: Tues 31st August 2021

Venue: School Room 3 or Online by Zoom

Time: 7pm