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Board of Management Meeting 24

Tues 21st June 2022

Agreed Report

Board of Management

The twenty-fourth meeting of the current Board of Management was held on Tues 21st June 2022. It was held in the Staffroom in the school.

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 31st May 2021 were reviewed, adopted and signed.

Covid 19 Distance Learning Plan

The COVID 19 Return to School Plan was updated with amendments.

Most of the Covid restrictions have been lifted. We continue to limit adult access to appointments only, to lock gates from 09:15 to 14:25, to use hand sanitiser in classrooms, to allow pupils to wear non-uniform clothes on Wednesdays, to use Seesaw & Google Classroom for online work and learning, to have parents drop pupils at the gates in the morning & collect them from the yards in the afternoon.

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.

CPOR Report to be discussed and signed by the Chairperson and the Principal.

Anti-bullying Report

Principal Drewett advised the Board that there had been no issue relating to bullying reported to him, since the last meeting on Tues 31st May 2022.

Matters Arising

In relation to the Mercy Convent Reconfiguration, Board members discussed the need for more clarity on where the project is presently and what our options are, should it go ahead in September 2023. It was agreed that the Chairperson, Johnny McMahon will contact Bryan O'Reilly to ascertain the current position with that project, the steps involved and ask the Patron's representative what our options may be.

In relation to the School Uniforms issue discussed at the last meeting, Board members confirmed that we will revisit this topic in the autumn to make a decision for the 2023-2024 school year.

Primary Science: The school has been awarded an SFI Discover Science & Maths Award. The Board congratulated Ms Ahern on this award.

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Admissions

We have quite a few new applications for pupils newly arrived into the new estates around Naas. We accommodate them in any classes where there are places. However there are class levels where we cannot offer places. Our pupil numbers in September may be above 500 pupils.

Staffing

We had 483 pupils on roll on September 30th 2021 and this entitles us to Principal & 19 Classroom Teachers for the coming year, which is the same as last year. We have 1 permanent post and 4 fixed term posts. (1 secondment & 3 career breaks)

School Community

The photographer Thomas Anthony took a First Communion / Second Class Photo on Fri 17th June.

The Staff organised school tours, a school cross-country competition, class leagues and sports days for the boys this month.

The Sixth Class Graduation takes place on Thurs 23rd June at 7:30 pm in The Church of the Irish Martyrs.

School Calendar

The school will close for a half-day as usual on Thurs 30 June 2022 to end the school year. The school re-opens for pupils on Weds 31 August 2022.

PTA Update

The PTA funded the gift of a cup for each Sixth Class pupil which will be presented at the graduation. The PTA also lodged money from the Easter Raffle to the school accounts.

ISLM Team

The ISLM Team had a meeting on June 14 2022.

The Post-holders are reviewing and updating our school long-term plans in Music, Visual Arts, PE, SPHE, Science. These will be ratified by the Board when they are ready.

Post-holders are completing their End of Year Reports in their areas of responsibility for the last year.

Croke Park Hours

Staff Meetings were held on Mon 6th June & Mon 13th June 2022.

We continue to use Croke Park Hours for CPD, Staff Meetings, Parent-Teacher Meetings and Class-level meetings.

Maintenance

We had to call on Computer Solutions to address issues with our Broadband.

The plumber was called to fix some leaks and replace a toilet bowl.

SSE & School Improvement Plans

Next Year we will be focusing on 2 new areas for SSE & SIP.

SIP 1: Wellbeing Policy & Practices – in progress- surveys being completed.

SIP 2: Gaeilge – to be initiated, ground work being done.

Charities Regulator

We have filed our Annual Report online for the year 2020-2021 with the Charities Regulator.

Living our Ethos

The Sixth Class Graduation Mass will be held on Thurs 23rd June 2022 at 7:30 pm the Church of the Irish Martyrs.

The staff involved in the Sacramental preparation were treated to a meal by Fr Liam and the Parish Team on Weds 15th June, in appreciation of the work done.

Staff CPD

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

We did not complete our PDST ICT Support because Eoin Stakelum of the PDST was unavailable to come to us, due to illness.

School Building Update

Principal contacted Ian again on Mon 20th June 2022 for an update. They are meeting with the Department on Weds 22nd June to discuss the amended layout in response to the planning FI. He also anticipates meeting with KCC within the next couple of weeks and provide the FI response shortly following the meeting. Ian will update us again once they have concluded the meeting with the Department.

Standardised Tests

The Drumcondra Standardised tests were completed in May. While the results were very good in general with our graph showing us well to the right on the Bell Curve, there was a pattern of pupils who scored in the lower STENs performing poorly compared to previous years. This may be a result of Covid & online learning. These boys will require extra support from our Special Education Team during the coming year.
Our Standardised Test data has been sent to the DES on Mon 20th June.

End of Year Reports

The End of Year reports were sent home on Thursday 16th June.

Student Council

The Council continues to run Corbans News Radio which is broadcast every Friday morning on the school intercom.

Health & Safety

Hearing screening did not take place on Monday 16th May for Junior Infants. It was re-scheduled for Thurs 1st June 2022 and completed.

Special Education

We have informed all parents of pupils who qualify of the Summer Provision support. Having received parental permission, we passed on the information to the relevant Secondary Schools.

Junior Infant Induction Plan 2022

Tues 30th August Familiarisation Visit for Junior Infants to see classroom, meet teacher and get a photo taken.

September – Parents Information Evening with Principal and then Teacher in classroom.

Teacher EPV Days

We continue to work our way through the backlog of EPV hours built up over Covid.

Finances

The Treasurer presented the balances on the Board's accounts as at 20/06/2022.

The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report.

Next Meeting

Date: Tues 30th August 2022

Venue: School Staffroom

Time: 7pm