



Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Venue: Virtual Meeting
Date of meeting: 28th September 2021

ITEM	DETAILS
Meeting minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and the agenda for the meeting was accepted. A quorum of 5 members was present.
Correspondance	None
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report was not presented as the meeting was virtual.
Our School Community and Ethos	<p>We now have an enrolment fo 447 pupils in our 16 mainstream and 2 autism classes. This year we have 26 teaching staff and 13 special needs assistants. We welcome all of our new pupils, parents and staff, including Ms O Riordan, Ms. O Neill, Ms. Deay, Mr. Malone, Ms. Lally, Ms. Dempsey, Ms. Conway, Ms. O Donoghue</p> <p>We have started working on our school values again. Our recent assembly focused on 'Respect'. We will also be looking at 'Responsibility' this term.</p>
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are still in the early stages of implementing GMGY in our school and further support is being offered in – school by Sarah Swan and ETBI by Megan Whyte We are continuing a new spellings programme called Spellings for Me from 2nd class to 6th class. The Aistear framework is being extended to 1st class. This will provide time for structured play in 1st class to aid in the transition to formal learning. Homework will begin on 4th October and parents will be informed about this in due course. Staff met and developed a plan for this. We are looking forward to Friday 8th October which will be our positive mental health day in school. There will be activities for both staff and pupils and parents. Staff have received some training for Restorative Practice. Some staff have also received training for working with children with Epilepsy. Our staff have established committees which will be organising events in areas such as gardening, the arts, literacy etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>School self evaluation</u> focusing on Gaeilge Labhartha again this year as we did not get the most of it last year. The the staff will work on the School improvement plan over the year to come.
Policy Development	<p>The new admissions policy, child safeguarding statement were reviewed and ratified by the board of management and will be made available on the school website. Our Critical Incident Policy was also reviewed and updated. These policies are available on the school website.</p> <p>The checklist for Child Safeguarding and Bullying Procedures was carried out last year to inform the development of these policies.</p>
Other notes	<p>In line with Department guidance, the In School Management has made the decision to suspend all after school activities in light of COvid 19. We will review the situation in December.</p> <p>The Board of Management encourages parents to adhere strictly to not sending their children to school if they are unwell. Under new guidance, the school is not to inform parents of a positive case of Covid in classrooms. However, the school will target particular classes and groups on occasion to be extra vigilant of symptoms.</p> <p>We have had a generous donation of 50 fruit trees to the school by Rittal (Via a parent). We look forward to the children getting involved and their parents.</p> <p>We have also had a donation made of bird houses and bug hotels from Biodiversity Ireland. This is to fit in with our Biodiversity plan.</p> <p>All of this comes from an incredible year of donations last year and the board wishes to thank the donors, companies and parents for their generosity in sett8ing up our ASD classes.</p>