



Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Venue: Virtual Meeting
Date of meeting: 15th December 2021

ITEM	DETAILS
Meeting minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and the agenda for the meeting was accepted. 8 members was present.
Correspondance	The report from the Inspector was included regarding the successful Covid inspection. Other correspondances from members of the school community were included and discussed.
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report and anti-bullying oversight reports was presented.
Our School Community and Ethos	We now have an enrolment fo 449 pupils in our 16 mainstream and 2 autism classes. This year we have 26 teaching staff and 13 special needs assistants. Our recent assembly focused on 'Responsibility and Empathy'. We will also be looking at 'Care' next term.
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In school leadership We have had many teachers take on leadership roles within the school this year (outside of the ISM team). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patrick Mount, Rhona Whelan, Roisin Smyth, Ashling Bates are taking part in the DDLETB Teacher leadership programme and will be implementing a new music programme in the school. ▪ We have three teachers leading ICT and social media usage in the school this year ▪ Orla G and Sophie Mehta are leading the school newsletter this year. ▪ We have a number of teachers coordinating the student council. ▪ Some staff members have taken a role on an 'Ubuntu' team to lead the roll out of Restorative Practice in the school • A new Spellings Programme is still being rolled out. The staff are receiving in-school support in getting this up and running for 3rd – 6th class. It is an individualised programme.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have begun to gather evidence from staff and pupils on writing in the school. We are hoping to use this information to update and develop the schools 'Writing Policy' and also to create a consistent approach to the teaching of writing genres, grammar, spelling and vocabulary in the school. • Teachers have received training in GMGY (Specifically in Beliefs and Religions) from Megan Whyte in ETBI. • The Weaving Wellbeing programme is coming to an end very soon and we will be assessing its impact on the children. 3rd class have been doing a Term of a Restorative Practice programme designed by Michelle Stowe. • The school has purchased new science equipment which has been organised by Eimear Harney • We have extended hands on maths from infants into 1st class this year. For 3/5 days, the children work with 3 teachers on aspects of number and for the other two days, the focus is on Topic maths such as shapes, length, weight etc. This is on foot of results from our standardised scores last year where aspects of number needed to be targeted. • Aistear is now being implemented in 1st class also. It is similar to what is being done in infants but with more focused activities and language.
Policy Development	<p>The Visual Arts Policy was updated and ratified by the BOM. The Covid response plan was also updated to include the wearing of face coverings from 3rd to 6th class.</p>
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A newsletter is in production to be released each half term for parents via the facebook page and email • The PTA and parents were very active in organising the book fair and in dividing up the books. • The parents organised a very successful Samhain festival in the school. Fun activities were organised for the children. • Our parent teacher meetings were held in November/December via phone calls • A donation of 50 orchards was made to the school through a parent working with Rittal. Many parents volunteered and came to plant them with Gary and Mike • David and Nicola Fitzgerald visited the school to do science demonstrations • The children have written letters and cards to the residents of the 3 local nursing homes • A class of children will be visiting TLC to sing for them on Friday 17th December. • Our community Garda came to the school to deliver safety talks before Halloween and will be coming to give a talk to 6th class pupils of the use of social media in the coming days. • In light of the current levels of Covid in the community, the BOM has decided to keep the reintroduction of after school activities under review, The Board has committed to seeing how other schools are

	managing this and will make a decision, in line with public health and our ETB, in the new year.
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