



Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Venue: Virtual Meeting
Date of meeting: 15th February 2022

ITEM	DETAILS
Meeting minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and the agenda for the meeting was accepted. 7 members was present.
Correspondance	In total, there were 4 applications to DDLETB and the board for career breaks for the 2022/2023 academic year.
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report and anti-bullying oversight reports were not presented as the meeting was virtual. The CPOR is stored with the meeting minutes.
Our School Community and Ethos	<p>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.</p> <p>Our recent assembly focused on 'Care and Belonging'.</p> <p>The children are continuing lessons from our GMGY curriculum.</p>
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a school, we are beginning to look at the area of Writing in English to ensure that there is a coherent and consistent approach to teaching writing, grammar, spellings and handwriting. The teachers will be trialling periods of an approach that is familiar to a lot of staff. We are hoping to have a new policy to present to the board before the end of the year. • Teachers from the Teacher Leadership programme are implementing a new whole school music programme. It is going through a trial phase for the remainder of the year. • The week beginning the 14th is a special week in the SPHE programme as we host Friendship week. This allows us to broach the subject of Bullying and caring for each other. • The Stay Safe programme is being implemented at the moment to all classes as per our legal obligation. • 4th class will soon begin a number of lessons on Relationships and Sexuality, in particular in relation to menstruation. • We recently had a number of talks from the RSA on road safety for the senior classes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby and Football are continuing with external coaches. We will soon be engaging with a Cricket coach to do some workshops with children.
Policy Development	<p>The Anti-bullying policy was reviewed by the BOM.</p> <p>A new After-school activity policy is now in development.</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 • Week 14th February is friendship week. The children are engaging in friendship activities and also there will be presentations for parents. • We have started up our boys and girls GAA teams as a start to the reintroduction of extracurricular activities • The period of time between midterm and Easter will be our first Month of Languages. The senior pupils will be learning European languages (French, German and Spanish). The junior classes will be learning about their own language and getting involved with Irish Sign Language. • We have had a visit from South Dublin County Council about a traffic warden. They have now observed the crossing points and a decision will be made as they review all crossings at a meeting soon. • Our new school library furniture has arrived and is being assembled by Gary • We will soon be starting our planting season. The school has a Biodiversity plan and will be making use of our school garden space to sow vegetables, trees, wild flowers and study the biodiversity in the area.