



Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Venue: School Library
Date of meeting: 6th April 2022

ITEM	DETAILS
Meeting minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and the agenda for the meeting was accepted. 5 members was present.
Correspondance	No notable correspondances
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report and anti-bullying oversight reports were presented. The CPOR is stored with the meeting minutes.
Our School Community and Ethos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current enrolment at 448 • We have filled all places for junior infants for 2022/2023. We will now be starting to form the classes and transition children. Creches and parents are currently being contacted by myself and surveys have been sent out to the parents. Our information evening is being planned for early June. • There are waiting lists for every class for next year. • Our 6th class pupils are beginning a transition programme soon to help in the transition to post-primary school. The teachers will begin the writing of educational passports to aid in this transfer. The teachers also have a transition programme which will involve cross school links with Citywest ETNS, St. Mary's and the post primary school itself.
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seachtain na Gaeilge was held a few weeks ago and the children were engaged with fun Irish activities as well as celebrating the Irish culture. • We are continuing with our fortnightly assemblies. The theme of the assemblies follows the school values. It was 'Belonging' before Easter and now we look at Creativity as a school value. • We will be going ahead with standardised tests in Maths and Literacy in the coming weeks from 1st to 6th class. 2nd and 5th class will also complete the Non Verbal Reasoning Test. 3rd and 5th class do an additional Irish language assessment. All of these assessments provide invaluable data on where the children as individuals are and also where we should be focusing as a school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our literacy week will be taking place soon and we will have our own Book Day • Our staff will be engaging in training in the new primary language curriculum on Friday 29th April. The Department has sanctioned a half day closure to allow for this. • Our Biodiversity plan is underway – some class groups will be sowing vegetables and fruits in our outdoor spaces. Some classes have been learning about trees, insects, birds and wildflower areas. This is a whole school project. • The whole school has been engaging in foreign languages. The junior classes have been learning some sign language, 3rd and 6th class have been learning French, 4th have been learning German and 5th have been learning Spanish. • Our GAA coach has been coming in for hurling lessons and our cricket coach has been work
Policy Development	<p>Three school policies were ratified at this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment - After Schools - School Outings (Autism Classes)
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent teacher meetings for infant classes happened over the past few days • We have formed a languages committee of parents that will be helping with translations and supporting other parents with English as a second language. • We have a parent helping with the plans for the official school opening in May • The PTA held a coffee morning for parents which was a great success. • A parent who works with the Emergency services helped with our Fire drill and listed a number of recommendations for us. • School reports will begin soon to be sent out in June. • We have installed a few new features to our school grounds recently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor Aistear area with sandpits, tables, drama area ▪ New picnic benches to our outdoor class (A whiteboard will be installed soon) ▪ The school garden is being developed • 50 Native Irish Trees have been planted to date by 4th class