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## Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Venue: SNU Office CSCNS  
Date of meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

ITEM	DETAILS
Meeting minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and the agenda for the meeting was accepted. 7 members were present.
Correspondance	No correspondences for this meeting.
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report and anti-bullying oversight reports were presented. The Board was satisfied that the Child Safeguarding procedures were followed.
Our School Community and Ethos	We now have an enrolment fo 443 pupils in our 16 mainstream and 2 autism classes. To date we have many applications for all class groups for 2023.2024. The closing date for junior infant classes is 31 <sup>st</sup> January.  Our recent assembly focused on 'Empathy'.  The children are continuing lessons from our GMGY curriculum.
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class have started to implement the new writing policy and writing approach for teaching writing genres explicitly</li> <li>• We hosted our annual STEM week in November. The children were engaging with science, technology, engineering and maths throughout the week</li> <li>• The classes are implementing the Weaving Wellbeing programme and then the Stay Safe programme in line with our legal obligations.</li> <li>• The school are taking part in the Active school's flag and Rhona Whelan is leading the promotion of activity and PE across the school</li> <li>• The 3<sup>rd</sup> classes have been engage in lessons in the Recorder for the first term and will continue for the remainder of the year.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be engaging in foreign language learning in term 2 as part of the Say Yes to Languages Scheme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3<sup>rd</sup> class – Polish</li> <li>▪ 4<sup>th</sup> class – Japanese</li> <li>▪ 5<sup>th</sup> class – Spanish</li> <li>▪ 6<sup>th</sup> class – German</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The infants have been engaging with a new Phonemic awareness programme from the US which is proving hugely successful. The junior infants will not be starting to learn phonic until term 2 this year to allow adequate time to build up the skills.</li> </ul>
Policy Development	The SNA deployment Policy and Code of Behaviour were reviewed by the BOM.
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A newsletter is in production to be released each half term for parents via the facebook page and email</li> <li>The PTA and parents were very active in organising the book fair and in dividing up the books. They have been doing an amazing job in helping out families in the school.</li> <li>The parents organised a very successful Samhain festival in the school. Fun activities were organised for the children.</li> <li>Our parent teacher meetings were held in November in person for the first time since 2019.</li> <li>Parents have been accompanying the children on swimming trips over the past few weeks</li> <li>The children have written letters and cards to the residents of the 3 local nursing homes</li> <li>A class of children visited TLC to sing for them on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. They also visited Scoil Aoife CNS to sing on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.</li> <li>Our community Garda came to the school to deliver safety talks before Halloween and came to give a talk to 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils of the use of social media in the coming days.</li> <li>A donation of €850 was received from a parent to purchase something for our Autism classes. The teachers are investing in a new trampoline.</li> <li>Our sensory garden is in development. Plants were donated by Glenveagh and we have been able to purchase furniture and activities for the garden from donations.</li> <li>We have worked on a plan for the management of icy paths and/or snow.</li> <li>Gary, our caretaker is overseeing the day to day maintenance of the building. This will be overseen by the Safety Committee.</li> <li>We are installing an automatic barrier into the staff carpark to prevent drivers from entering (This has been a H&amp;S issue)</li> <li>The fence around our Autism area is not stable and we are enquiring about a more stable, long lasting solution.</li> </ul>