Citywest & Saggart Community National School

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Pobalscoil Náisiúnta Iarthar na Cathrach & Theach Sagard

Lána Bhaile Uí Fhoirtcheirn, Iarthar Na Cathrach, Baile Átha Cliath 24

Príomhoide: Maidhc O' Broin Leas-Phríomhoide: Orla Uí Dochartaigh

Board of Management Meeting Minutes

<u>Venue:</u> Zoom <u>Date of meeting:</u> 10.10.23

ITEM	DETAILS
Meeting minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and the agenda for the meeting was accepted. 6 members were present.
Correspondance	No correspondence of community importance.
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	The focus of School Self Evaluation this year will be School ETB Ethos. This will involve collecting data from staff, parents, student regarding the effectiveness of the schools ethos and its alignment to the ETB Framework on Ethos.
Teaching and Learning	 3rd and 4th class will be learning Ukulele as part of the music curriculum The new maths curriculum has been published and there will be a closure day for the school (This day is assigned to the school between November and March) Swimming has been booked for 3rd and 4th class Children from rooms 7 and 8 will be participating in horse riding The staff have completed their Term 1 plans which will inform short term planning on a fortnightly basis. We will start to implement some of the new primary framework this year: New planning template Some changes to themes 3rd class will be engaging with the Roots of Empathy Programme with Mike facilitating (This is a programme to develop emotional literacy and empathy in children) A new approach to homework is being trialled. This involves giving more choice to children and families on which days it is completed and what topics they wish to

	focus on. This is in light of parental, staff and children surveys
Policy Development	The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the BOM: - New Child Protection procedures were adopted - Bus Escort Policy - Homework (Interim)
Other notes	 External providers of after school clubs began last week and the teacher led after school clubs began this week. There are a number of clubs such as chess, homework, art, kickboxing, science, drama, dance Music Generation are using our school for a Community Hub for music lessons. They will also be funding the school to provide music lessons for 3rd and 4th class in term 1. Our school was chosen to participate in the 'Say Yes to Languages' initiative again in term 2 where pupils will learn some foreign languages. We have applied to ChangeX to host a 'Pocket forest in the school grounds. This will be a great addition to our biodiversity plan. Our GAA teams have been competing well in football matches over the past while.