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## Board of Management Meeting Minutes

### Board of Management 2023 - 2027

Conor McGuckin (Patron Nominee, Chairperson)  
Anne Genockey (Patron Nominee)  
Mike Byrne (Principal and Secretary to the Board)  
Rhona Whelan (Staff Nominee)  
Abhishek Saurabh (Parent Nominee)  
Mariam Sleyum (Parent Nominee)  
Stacey McAuley (Community Nominee)  
Alan Murphy (Community Nominee)

Venue: School Library  
Date of meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

ITEM	DETAILS
Meeting opening	The new Board was officially confirmed and each member signed a declaration of membership.
Correspondance	No correspondence of community importance. All correspondence to the Board of Management must be addressed to the Chairperson of the Board of Management.
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report and anti-bullying oversight reports were presented. The Board was satisfied that the Child Safeguarding procedures and anti-bullying procedures were followed.
Our School Community and Ethos	The focus of School Self Evaluation this year will be School ETB Ethos. Data has been collected and is currently being analysed. A school improvement plan will be written and shared with the school community.
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some of our staff are trialling a new planning template to ready ourselves for the incoming new primary curriculum in 2025.</li> <li>Orla Doherty has been providing training in Spelling strategies. We currently use Spellings for Me in our school, but we are looking to have a model of spellings that teaches skills and strategies over rote practice.</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are beginning a more strategic approach to number facts (tables).</li> <li>We held our Winter Variety Concerts in December. This year, we held it for our autism classes, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes and the remaining classes will do a variety concert in the Spring time (To coincide with Intercultural week).</li> <li>We are meeting our legal obligations this term in relation to the teaching of the Stay Safe and RSE programmes to all classes. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will have a</li> </ul>

	<p>little more support with the contents of the RSE programme at that level. Letters were sent to parents on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January informing them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class are continuing with Ukulele lesson this term and also swimming lessons in Clondalkin for a period of 5 weeks as part of the PE curriculum.</li> <li>• This term, we will begin work on our Biodiversity plan again with the planting of vegetables, study of birds, insects and plants.</li> <li>• Some classes will be trialling the Include Programme for Neuro divergent children in the next term.</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> class are planning a trip to Dublinia in February as part of their learning about the Vikings.</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.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> class – Portuguese</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> <li>• The 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 drama, kick boxing, tennis, cookery, robotics, art, keyboard, science.</li> <li>• Music Generation are still using our school for a Community Hub for music lessons. They will also be funding the school to provide music lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class.</li> <li>• We applied to ChangeX to host a ‘Pocket forest in the school grounds. This was granted and the school will receive €5,000 to spend on gardening and biodiversity equipment. The soil was prepared in November and the planting of hundreds of native Irish trees and the planting will happen on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.</li> <li>• The school quiz teams were competing in the Credit Union Quiz on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>• Our Autism classes completed their horse riding lessons again in term 1</li> <li>• Children engaged in bulb planting around the school</li> <li>• iPad Music workshops held for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes in November</li> <li>• A class of children visited TLC to sing for them in December. They also visited Scoil Aoife CNS to sing.</li> <li>• The choir will be performing as part of the Peace Proms in February in the RDS.</li> <li>• We are planning to have the school calendar for the next academic year finalised much earlier this year to allow parents more time to plan trips and holidays during school closures.</li> </ul>
Policy Development	<p>The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the BOM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attendance Strategy</li> </ul>
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had some parent volunteers helping with the preparation of soil for the pocket forest in November.</li> <li>• Each month, parent volunteers are coming in to help with organising the books in the library.</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>• The parents organised a very successful Samhain festival in the school. Fun activities were organised for the children.</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>• There was a very successful Winter Market held in the school in December. Children from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class created crafts to be sold.</li></ul> |
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