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Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Board of Management 2023 - 2027

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Venue: School Library
Date of meeting: 20th June 2024

ITEM	DETAILS
Correspondance	All correspondence to the Board of Management must be addressed to the Chairperson of the Board of Management. There were no correspondences of public interest.
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report was presented and the BOM was satisfied that all Child Protection Procedures were followed.
Our School Community and Ethos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are continuing with our fortnightly assemblies. The theme of the assemblies follows the school values. It was 'Collaboration' in the last few weeks. There will be an end of year assembly to celebrate the values and achievements of the pupils. We have begun to create the calendar of celebrations which will be used for a consultation with parents. We have decided to postpone this until the new term. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our 6th class pupils began a transition programme to help in the transition to post-primary school. The teachers will begin the writing of educational passports to aid in this transfer. The two new junior infant classes have been created. This takes account of the needs identified, preschool observations, phonecalls with parents and preschools, parents survey.
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have completed the standardised tests in Maths and Literacy from 1st to 6th class. 2nd and 5th class also completed 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. The 2nd, 4th and 6th class results have been reported to the DES. Intercultural Week took place during week 27th May. The school had a week of learning about other countries and cultures. There were dancing workshops and talks from parents. The children wore country colours and traditional dress on the Thursday. Unfortunately, our

Food Fair could not take place as the numbers of volunteer parents would not have been enough to make it viable. We will try again next year.

- Our staff engaged in training in the new primary maths curriculum on Tuesday 21st May.
- Our Biodiversity plan is underway – some class groups sowed 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.
- We recently had a pond installed with all materials and labour donated by Amazon and the work carried out by Stepping Stones. This will be a resource for children in the coming years to learn more about the biodiversity in ponds and the impact ponds can have on the environment.
- 6th class recently had talks from Jigsaw on self care and their mental health in the context of moving on to post primary school.
- The school has received the **Nature Heros award** for the work on our school grounds to promote biodiversity and sustainability. Well done to our Biodiversity and Gardening committee led by Rachel McMackin.
- Our school also received a plaque for recognition as a partner school of UCD in facilitating the teaching of modern foreign languages in our school. We will be looking to continue this over the coming years with the introduction of languages into the senior classes.
- Our schools hurling and camogie teams have been representing the school in matches this term. The boys reached the quarter final stages of the Cumann na mBunscoil and narrowly missed out in extra time.
- RSE and Stay safe – As per our obligations, the SPHE and RSE programmes have been completed this term to fulfil the schools obligations in relation to child protection. The 4th class and 6th class sensitive lessons were also delivered.
- Active week is being held this week with a change to the format; we will be having 1 Sports Day (A full day of activities for the whole school). Throughout the week, there will be daily dance, teacher vs pupils rounders, the sponsored walk and the annual ‘I’m a teacher, Get me out of here’

Policy Development

The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the BOM:

- Inclusion Policies (Inclusive language, Continuum of Support, Assistive Technology, Autism Class)
- Child Safeguarding Statement
- Safey Statement

Other notes

- Attendance: The attendance strategy seems to be having an impact.

	<90% attendance (Miss more than 20 days)	90 – 95% attendance (miss between 10 and 20)	>95% attendance (Miss less than 10 days)
Regular patterns	5% of pupils	15% of pupils	80% of pupils
2021.2022	49%	34%	17%
2022.2023	38%	32%	29%
2023.2024 (To date)	30.3%	31%	38.7%

The statistics for this year show that the numbers of children missing more that 20 days has dropped by almost 8% and the number of children missing less than 10 days has risen by

	<p>almost 10%. These statistics are very heartening and we will continue with our attendance drive in the next academic year.</p>
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