

Report of Board of Management meeting of 8th March 2017

Present: Bernie Gormally, Lil Bruen, Sr. Mary Corr, Tony Madden, Amanda Soares, Yvonne Ryan, Eileen Ryan, Madeline O'Connell, Pat Gilmore, Pdraig Kelly

Mr. David Leahy, CEO of GRETB and Sr. Mary Forde, Sr. of Mercy & Link person for trustees, were welcomed to give a presentation to the Board on the role and functions of the trustees, the Board of Management and the Principal in Community Schools. It was agreed that Mr. David Leahy meet will meet with the Chairperson and Secretary of the Board on an annual basis at the end of the academic year.

Madeline thanked both David and Sr. Mary for their attendance and presentation to the meeting

08/03.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from: Karey McHugh

Minutes of Previous meeting:

The minutes of the Board of Management meeting of 25th January were adopted on the proposal of Amanda Soares, seconded by Bernie Gormally.

Selection Committee Report:

Eileen presented a report of the Selection Committee after conducting interviews for the position of Art teacher – maternity leave. The Selection Committee recommended Mr. Max Olohan for the position, which was ratified by the Board. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Mr. Max Olohan as he resumed this duty.

Finance Committee report:

- The January and February Income and Expenditure Reports were presented to the Board and ratified.
- The Finance committee recommended setting up a discussion group from the staff to ascertain the ICT needs of the school and to recommend how to use the ICT infrastructure grant which will be paid out over the next 5 years.

Principal's Report:

The Principal's report was presented to those present by Eileen. The Board offered their congratulations to Joe Henry and the Cadet ladies basketball team on their recent double All-Ireland success. Good luck was extended to the Maths department on the upcoming Maths inspection and advice was given to the department. It was suggested that parents from each of the feeder primary schools be contacted by letter and asked to nominate themselves / other interested parents in their area for the Parents

Association, thereby ensuring a wide demographic representation on the council. The Board were pleased that TY will be offered as a programme for 3rd year students next year. Condolences were expressed to Ms. Yvonne Hanbury on the death of her mother, Margaret Hanbury, Ms. Ann Marie Quinn on the death of her uncle and Ms. Catriona Kenny on the death of her uncle. Students and staff were complimented on the vast array of activities ongoing in the school and thanked the staff for their involvement.

School Policies:

The Pastoral Care policy was ratified by the Board. They complimented the vast level of support which is available to all students and staff within the school.

The Code of Behaviour was updated to include the line: "This will include the use of e-cigarettes" under Health and Safety on page 4.

Anti-Bullying Report:

A report of a recent Bullying survey was brought to the attention of the Board. Discussion ensued around possibilities to encourage anti-bullying in the school including a "Friendship Board" as opposed to an "Anti-Bullying Board" and wristbands. The Board recognizes the seriousness of bullying and fully supports management and staff in their endeavors.

That concluded the business of the meeting. Madeline thanked all for their contributions and attendance.