

Board of Management meeting of 25th January 2017

A meeting of the Board of Management of Castlerea Community School took place on Wednesday, 25th January 2017. The report is as follows:

Present were: Ms. Lil Bruen, Sr. Mary Corr, Ms. Yvonne Ryan, Ms. Karey McHugh, Ms. Bernie Gormally, Mr. Tony Madden, Ms. Amanda Soares, Ms. Eileen Ryan

Minutes of Previous meetings and matters arising:

The minutes of the meetings of 5th October, 25th October and 7th December 2016 were read by those present and ratified by the Board.

The Board welcomed the purchase of a CNC Milling Machine for the Engineering Department which is now in operation in the department. This will provide students with an invaluable opportunity to use machinery which is not yet in use in third level colleges but is in use in industry.

The Student Council have conducted a survey on bullying, the results of which will be available at a later stage.

Correspondence:

ACCS Convention: Representatives from the Board will be in attendance at the ACCS Convention from 23rd to 25th March 2017. Ms. Antoinette Nic Gearailt was nominated by the Board for the position of ACCS Presidency 2017/2018.

Personnel matters: Requests for Career Break and Maternity Leave were granted by the Board. Good luck wishes were extended to the teachers involved.

Teaching Allocations 2017 - 2018: The current allocations were discussed by the Board.

Finance Committee report:

The Finance committee met on two occasions since the last Board meeting. Bernie Gormally reported to the Board on the following points of discussion:

Cost of phone calls and photocopying, Evening study payments, Materials charge, Electronic payments, use of ICT grant, maintenance of the school pitch and RCT / VAT.

After analyzing the December Financial Report and end of year report, the Board are delighted to report that the school remained within budget for 2016.

Principal's Report:

The Principal's report was presented to the Board by the Principal. The school was congratulated on recent achievements including 2nd place ranking in recent feeder schools leader board, Cadet Girls All-Ireland Basketball success - team and coach Mr. Henry, canteen award, TY award and various student successes. Ms. Yvonne Ryan was congratulated on being conferred with a Masters degree recently and Mr. Joe Henry on receiving the National Community Games Volunteer of the Year award. Students and staff were complimented for the vast array of activities ongoing in the school. Condolences were extended to the staff of CCS on the recent death of their retired colleague Mrs. Mary Rooney and to her family.

Protected Disclosures Policy:

The Policy on Protected Disclosures was adopted by the Board. This will be available to the school community to download from the school website.

School Self-Evaluation Report:

The analysis of the Junior Cert results were presented to the Board for their attention. Students and staff were congratulated for the results obtained. This year's cohort of students are wished good luck in their continuing studies.

Anti-Bullying Report:

A series of workshops, Bully 4 u, have been organized for all Junior Cycle students on February 7th and all parents on the evening of Feb. 7th. This was welcomed by the Board.

That concluded the business of the meeting.