

## Report of the Board of Management meeting of 6th November 2019

Present: Madeline O'Connell, Jimmy McClearn, Sr. Mary Corr, Amanda Soares, Lil Bruen, Pat Gilmore, Nora Fahy, Mary Colleary, Yvonne Hanbury, Eileen Ryan,

Apologies received from: Gary Cunnane, Jarlath Burke,

### Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 17th September were by the Board.

### Matters arising:

E Ryan confirmed that the Parents Association had received a copy of the Child Safeguarding Statement. All involved in the recent school musical were thanked by the Board and complimented for an outstanding show. E Ryan also expressed her thanks to the Parents Association for their help in organising the raffle for the three shows. It was agreed that it was a very positive promotion of our school and the coverage on social media was complimented.

### Correspondence:

- A small number of EAL support have been allocated to the school.
- Breakfast Club funding has been released.

### Finance Committee Report:

The Finance Committee met on 3rd October 2019 to discuss the FSSU procedures. A Terms of Reference document was drawn up (based on FSSU guidelines). Procedures for handling cash in the school was also decided and typed up into a document for reference.

Madeline and Eileen met before the Board meeting, where they checked all accounts using the FSSU checklist for September and October 2019. All was reported to be in order. A full copy of the accounts was available to all Board members for their perusal. Eileen and Madeline will attend the upcoming training for Finance Committees in Sligo on 12th Nov.

The Board agreed to close the CPD account held in the Credit Union and move the funds to the Number 1 account.

### Prinicpal's Report:

Eileen Ryan presented the Principal's Report to those present, highlighting all activities which occurred in the school since the previous Board meeting. This included all payments made through the OLCS and all personal days granted to staff. Grease was a big success and all were thanked and congratulated on this. TY students travel to Brussels next week on a fully funded trip to the European Parliament, organised by MEP Luke Flanagan's office. Gratitude was expressed to Luke and his department for this opportunity. A small cost of €50 was charged to the students to cover the cost of additional activities organised while there.

### School Self Evaluation:

The Board congratulated the Leaving cert class on their excellent results and their teachers for all their hard work and encouragement. A full analysis was given for each of the subject departments.

### Policy Review – Code of Behaviour:

The following amendments were agreed:

Insert the following paragraph into page 5: Protests / Boycotting:

As a school, we welcome and encourage students to voice their opinions, concerns or otherwise through meaningful and respectful dialogue, either formally through our Student Council or informally through everyday conversations and meetings. Organisation or participation in any unauthorised protest, which disrupts teaching and learning is a serious challenge to school authority and disrupts the smooth running of the school, will not be tolerated and those involved in the organisation or participation of such protests or boycotts will be sanctioned as appropriately, under this Code of Behaviour, up to and including suspension.

Insert the following at the end of "Short term suspension": Following a period of suspension, the student and parent / guardian must meet with management and they may be required to sign a special contract of good behaviour, agreeing to 1. accept the Code of Behaviour and 2. fully support the Code of Behaviour.

Update the bottom of page 3 – attendance and punctuality, to take into account current year.

Mandatory Reporting:

1. Bullying Report – An account of all bullying investigations was given.
2. The Child Protection Oversight Report.
3. State Claims Agency – A report of all submissions made to the SCA since the last meeting was presented.

Confidentiality Statement:

The Confidentiality Statement was signed by those present, who were not present at first Board meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm.

Madeline thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was then closed.