

Minutes of Board of Management meeting of 26th April 2017

Present: Sr. Mary Corr, Amanda Soares, Yvonne Ryan, Eileen Ryan, Madeline O'Connell, Pdraig Kelly

This meeting was held in the absence of the previously scheduled meeting on 5th April 2017, which was cancelled as a quorum was not reached.

Minutes of Previous meeting:

The minutes of the Board of Management meeting of 8th March were adopted on the proposal of Sr. Mary, seconded by Yvonne Ryan.

Matters arising:

It was decided that, following a suggestion by the CEO at a previous meeting, Mr. Jarlath Burke, Deputy Principal would be invited to future Board of Management meetings to act as recording secretary.

Since the last meeting, advice was sought from Mr. John Irwin, ACCS, on the issue of including a line in the Code of Behaviour regarding enforcing a suspension based upon a suspicion of wrongdoing. It was the advice of Mr. Irwin that no such amendment is necessary.

Letters, including a nomination form, have been sent out to each family in the school, seeking nominations onto the Parents Council of CCS. Nominations forms are now being received.

Correspondence:

ACCS / Info Bulletin 16/17: The recommended text outlined on the information bulletin regarding "Sexting" to be included in the schools' Code of Behaviour. Reference to this to be made in other relevant policies including Anti-Bullying and Acceptable Usage Policy. Year Heads to bring this amendment to the attention of all students at the next assembly, stressing the seriousness of the issue and the consequences. A synopsis will be included in the student journal next year. When policies are updated, a text message will be sent to parents informing them of the amendment.

Harmac Medical Products: The Board does not have any objections to the request from Harmac to move a boundary fence between their premises and the school football pitch, to allow for an extension to their premises. The Board acknowledged the support which Harmac gives to both the school and the community and therefore, recommends that consideration should be given to the request by the trustees. Eileen to forward the request to both trustees, with the Boards' endorsement.

The Board supported the use of the CCS football pitch car park for the Castlerea Park Run.

Finance Committee report:

It was agreed to introduce Business On-Line for all payments from the school accounts. The March Income and Expenditure Accounts were accepted.

ACCS news:

A copy of the School Governance Issues presentation given at the ACCS Convention 2017 was distributed to each Board member present, for their consideration and information.

Claims made through OLCS:

Details of all claims were given to the Board under the Principal's report. Supporting documentation were discussed by Finance Committee.

Principal's Report:

Eileen Ryan presented the Principal's report to the Board. Yvonne Ryan gave a report of the recent Maths Inspection. The Board expressed its congratulations to all involved. The Board offered their appreciation to the teachers who travelled with the students on the recent school tour to Barcelona. The students were complimented on their excellent cooperation.

Congratulations was expressed to all involved in the many school activities outlined. Condolences of the Board was expressed to staff members Mr. Paul Gooney, Ms. Catriona Kenny, Mr. Joe Mulhern and Mr. Eddie Rowntree on their recent bereavements.

School timetabling 2017 onwards:

A discussion document was distributed for the Boards' consideration and discussion. It was agreed that the In-School management team will examine all possibilities and make a decision regarding the 2017 timetable following consideration of staff feedback, school resources and student welfare. Any decisions to be made to the attention of the Board at a future meeting, for its approval.

School Policies:

Amendment to School Code of Behaviour discussed under Correspondence.

Child Protection Report:

The board was made aware of recent referrals made to TUSLA. All staff have been registered with Legal Island and are in the process of undergoing Child Protection online training.

Anti-Bullying Report:

No new cases of bullying are currently being investigated. Ongoing monitoring of previous incidences are occurring. Following a bullying survey, the student council are currently working on developing a Friendship Board.

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

The date for the next Board meeting was set.