

Report of the Board of Management meeting of 21st February 2018

Present: Madeline O'Connell, Jimmy McClearn, Pat Gilmore, Padraig Kelly, Amanda Soares, Yvonne Ryan, Bernie Gormally, Sr. Mary Corr, Eileen Ryan,

Introduction of new Board Member:

Madeline O'Connell welcomed Cllr Jimmy McClearn to our Board meeting and invited him to play an active part in the meetings.

Minutes of previous meeting - November 8th 2017:

The minutes of the meeting of November 8th were adopted on the proposal of Amanda Soares, seconded by Padraig Kelly.

Minutes of special meeting - December 20th 2017:

The minutes of the meeting of December 20th were adopted on the proposal of Sr. Mary Corr, seconded by Yvonne Ryan.

Minutes of special meeting - January 24th 2018:

The minutes of the meeting of January 24th were adopted on the proposal of Bernie Gormally, seconded by Padraig Kelly.

Matters arising.

The Chairperson thanked all for their participation and assistance in preparing and delivering the presentation for the recent WSE MLL. There was agreement from all present that the oral report from the inspectorate was very positive and thanked all stakeholders of the school for their participation in the process. The final report is expected before the close of this school year.

Correspondence:

After a discussion on circular 02/18 - Leadership and Management in Post-Primary Schools, the Board requested that a review of Posts of Responsibility be carried out to initiate the process of enacting circular 02/18 in the school. The pros and cons of employing an external facilitator to carry out the review were discussed with final decision left to the Principal, should she feel it necessary and know of a suitable person.

CL 0013/2018 Religious instruction and worship in certain second level schools in the context of Article 44.2.4 of the Constitution of Ireland and Section 30 of the Education Act 1998 was discussed. A letter is to be sent to ACCS and our Patrons

formally expressing the concerns of the Board with regard to the implementation of this circular.

Request for a further 3 Spanish students to join Transition Year, from the same company, was granted.

A Policy regarding the use of school grounds / facilities by external bodies to be drafted by the Principal for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Personnel Matters:

Applications for Job Sharing for the academic year 2018-2019 were discussed by those present. The Board approves the applications on the basis that curricular needs of the school are met. In such event that all applications cannot be facilitated, priority will be given to meeting curricular needs.

Finance Committee Report:

The Finance reports for November, December and January were presented by the finance committee. The end of year financial report was approved by the Finance Committee. An honorarium for the caretakers was sanctioned going forward, as a token of appreciation for being on call throughout the year.

Principals' Report:

The school report was presented to the Board. The sympathies of the Board were extended to Ms. Julie O'Dea on the death of her Father. The Board complimented and thanked all involved in a very active term in the school and on all the recent successes.

Child Protection Report:

Draft copies of Child Safeguarding Statement and Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment were distributed to the members present which were deemed to be comprehensive and thorough. The Child Safeguarding Statement and Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment were then adopted by the Board. Both of these will be displayed in the school - outside offices of reception, Principal and Deputy Principal, as well as on the school website. A report on cases reported to TUSLA and reports of bullying since the last meeting was given by the Principal.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 18th April at 5.00pm.

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