

Report of the Board of Management meeting of 18th September 2018

Present: Mr. Pat Gilmore, Ms. Lil Bruen, Mr. Tony Madden, Ms. Amanda Soares, Ms. Eileen Ryan, Ms. Yvonne Ryan, Ms. Bernadette Gormally, Cllr. Jimmy McClearn, Mr. Jarlath Burke

Apologies: Sr. Mary Corr, Mr. Pdraig Kelly, Ms. Madeline O'Connell

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Pat Gilmore, in the absence of Madeline O'Connell

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 29th August were adopted on the proposal of Amanda Soares, seconded by Jimmy McClearn.

Matters arising.

Eileen Ryan reported back on the ACCS information meeting.

Correction to minutes: Congratulations should only refer to Leaving Cert students.

Correspondence:

Re: Vetting of host families - E Ryan informed the meeting that all host family members over the age of 16 have applied for Garda Vetting disclosures at this stage.

Sports Capital Grant - An application will be made to seek funding for dug outs for the new football pitch in the Demense, in conjunction with Castlerea Youth Soccer. E Ryan clarified earlier date of Sept 21st for expressions of interest to DES, with final date for applications being 19th October. It was pointed out by the Board that with Castlerea being in a Clár designated area, this would be an advantage.

Finance Report:

Bernie Gormally gave the report of the finance committee. Opening and Closing balances of No. 1 account for August financial report are consistent with previous monthly report. August finance report proposed by Lil Bruen, seconded by Yvonne Ryan.

It was advised that IT funding be put through No.1 account (instead of opening a designated account as previously decided). The advice of the FSSU will be sought at the upcoming training day. All finance committee members were advised to attend this training day. Jarlath Burke is also to attend. The finance committee were thanked for their work by the Chairperson.

Principal's Report:

Eileen Ryan presented the Principal's Report to those present.

A discussion ensued following the potential placement of students from EROC in the school over the coming months. While the Board fully supports these students and their integration into our school, it recognises that a coordinated approach is necessary by all stakeholders and the relevant resources must be sought from the DES.

Junior Cert Results: It was reported that students remained in school this year and results were distributed to students at 3pm. A full analysis of JC results will be available to the Board at the next meeting.

Anti-Bullying report:

Following the request of the Board at the last meeting, Eileen Ryan gave an analysis of all reported bullying incidents in the school during the previous school year, while being cognisant of the fact that there may be some incidences unreported. The low number of incidents was highlighted by the Board and management, teachers and students were all complimented on their contribution to this.

Child Protection Oversight Report:

The CPOR was given to those present.

School Self Evaluation:

A full analysis of this year's Leaving Cert results was provided to each person present, with Eileen Ryan providing a brief overview. The Board acknowledged the high performance in the exams and complimented both students and staff. The Board acknowledged the targets outlined by the Principal for the coming year, as set by each subject Department and also acknowledged the work done by all in preparing the analysis.

Ms. Yvonne Ryan excused herself from the meeting at this point.

Programme Coordinator (AP1) Post:

Following the recommendation of the selection committee, Yvonne Ryan was ratified for the position of Programme Coordinator by the Board. The Board congratulate her and wish her well in this new role.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Pat thanked all for their attendance and contributions made.

Next Board meeting: 6th November 2018