

Report of Board of Mangement meeting: 22nd January 2019

Present: Madeline O'Connell, Bernie Gormally, Amanda Soares, Yvonne Ryan, Sr. Mary Corr, Jimmy McClearn, Pdraig O'Ceallaigh, Eileen Ryan, Jarlath Burke (recorder)

Apologies received from: Tony Madden, Pat Gilmore, Lil Bruen

Prior to the start of the meeting, Madeline O'Connell expressed a message of sympathy to Ballyhaunis sympathy to Ballyhaunis Community School on the death of their colleague Anne Grogan. Madeline also expressed best wishes on behalf of the Board to John Foley on his retirement and thanked him for the many years of dedication and service which he has given to CCS.

Minutes of meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November were proposed by Amanda Soares and seconded by Pdraig O'Ceallaigh.

Matters arising:

EAL students – An update was given on the enrolment of students with EAL needs.

TY Brussels trip – Yvonne Ryan updated the board on the success of the recent TY trip to Brussels.

Minutes of Special Meeting :

The minutes of the special meeting held on 21st November were proposed by Yvonne Ryan and seconded by Sr. Mary Corr.

Correspondence:

Child Protection Procedures Inspections are now taking place. CPD to be provided for management in the near future.

Harmac sponsored €1000 towards the LC scholarship awards this year. Harmac have also offered to sponsor two bursaries of €500 each for two LC students with highest points annually going forward. This news was welcomed and thanked by the Board.

Castlerea and District Credit Union sponsored €500 towards the LC scholarship awards this year.

Message of thanks received from a recipient of the LC scholarship.

Diocesan response to query from Chaplain regarding recent Circular.

Incidental Inspection report:

An outline of the oral feedback given by the inspector during the recent incidental inspection was given by the Principal. She outlined areas of good practice as highlighted by the inspectors and areas for improvement as suggested by them. The report was commended by the Board.

Principal's Report:

First year enrolment: An update was given on the current enrolment numbers for September 2019. The CAT4 assessment took place on Saturday 19th January for the incoming 1st year students.

25th Anniversary celebration: Date has been moved from St. Patrick's weekend due to County GAA fixture. The committee are currently looking at an alternative date, which will be communicated when decided.

Emergency Funding: Work is due to get underway in the near future on the fallen stone wall at the side of the gym. This work was accepted by the Board on the proposal of Jimmy McClearn, seconded by Pádraig O Ceallaigh.

Castlerea Credit Union and Harmac were thanked for their very generous sponsorship of the recent Leaving Cert Scholarships and for Harmac's offer for future sponsorship.

School activities: The many and varied activities and initiatives taking place in the school was noted and staff were thanked for their contribution to these.

Finance Committee Report:

Bernie Gormally presented this month's report. The November and December income and expenditure accounts and the end of year statement were ratified by the Board on the proposal of Amanda Soares and seconded by Sr. Mary Corr. The finance committee have begun work on this year's budget.

Mandatory Reporting:

Bullying Report – An account of all ongoing bullying investigations was given as well as those closed since the previous meeting.

Child Protection – One referral was made to TUSLA (not involving a member of staff).

State Claims Agency – A report of all submissions made to the SCA since the previous meeting was presented.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Madeline thanked all present for their time and contribution to the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 13th March at 5pm.