

Report of Board of Management Meeting 18/12/2023. 4.30 pm

Present:

Madeline O Connell, Eileen Ryan, Deirdre Callanan, Mgt Larkin, Sr Mary Corr, Lil Bruen, Jacinta Freeman, Amanda Soares, Seán Ó Mainnín.

1. Apologies: Jimmy Mc Clearn and Nora Fahy.

A. Expulsion hearing

A hearing was held to consider the recommendation by the Principal for the permanent exclusion of student X from Castlerea Community School. The hearing included submissions by both the Principal and parent of the student after which both parties left the meeting for the Board to deliberate. After deliberation and discussion, it was the decision of the Board that student X be excluded from CCS, on the grounds that he would contribute to severe disruption of the work of the school and the health and safety of the other pupils and staff couldn't be maintained, if he were to continue as a student in CCS.

Ms. Ryan was informed of the Board's decision and rejoined the meeting for the remainder of the agenda.

B: Board of Management meeting:

2. Minutes & Matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting – 19th October – were read. Proposed by Deirdre Callanan and seconded by Lil Bruen. There were no matters arising.

3. Report of Selection Committees:

a. Post of Business and Maths teacher – The board ratified the employment of Caoilfhionn Harkin for this position.

b. Post of Bus Escort – The board ratified the employment of Stephanie Murray for this position.

The board wishes both ladies every success in their respective roles.

4. Correspondence: A number of circulars and ACCS bulletins were brought to the attention of the Board. A discussion took place on a suggested use of the carpark adjoining the football pitch in the Demense and will continue at later dates when more information is available.

5. Leaving Cert 2023 Progression Report:

A report of the destinations of the LC class of 2023 was presented to those present. Anne Marie Quinn, Career Guidance Counsellor, was thanked for her work in putting together such a comprehensive report.

6. Finance Committee report:

Amanda S presented the financial report of the Finance Sub Committee. Proposed by Sr. Mary Corr and seconded by Jacinta Freeman.

7. Principal's Report:

The Principal gave a comprehensive report on the various activities of the school since the last meeting. The AS classrooms are not yet completed. A 5th AS student has enrolled in CCS. There are 21 students from Ukraine presently in the school. Student successes in Poetry Aloud were applauded. Congrats to the Junior boys football team who are now Connacht Champions.

8. Mandatory Reporting:

CPOR: The Child Protection Oversight Report was shared with the Board.

Feedback from parents and students on a recent online survey on our Child Protection procedures was shared with the Board. A link to the feedback to be sent to Board members after the meeting.

Anti Bullying: One incident currently under investigation. None involving ongoing support. None requiring reporting. (20 day rule)

SCA: 3 reports to NIMS. 23088130; 23088164 and 23090274

Madeline thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and for their participation. Best wishes for the Christmas was extended to all Board members and their families.

Next Meeting: 25/01/2024