

Report of Board of Management Meeting 19th October 2023

Present:

Madeline O'Connell, Eileen Ryan, Deirdre Callanan, Margaret Larkin, Sr. Mary Corr, Lil Bruen, Jacinta Freeman, Amanda Soares, Nora Fahy, Jarlath Burke (recording secretary)

Apologies:

Seán O'Mainín, Jimmy McClearn

Minutes – 4th Sept 2023:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of 4th Sept. 2023 were ratified.

Matters arising:

ER updated the meeting on the building works and development of the AS rooms.

ER clarified a question (point 6 on CP review checklist) from meeting of 4th Sept re Child Protection Procedures annual review around actions to take place on foot of that review. A report of feedback from students and parents on our CP procedures will be available at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

A number of DoE Circulars and ACCS information bulletins were brought to the attention of the Board and discussed.

ER updated the meeting on correspondence re procedures around admissions. An update was given on the School Meals Inspection which was notified to the school by letter. ER updated the meeting on correspondence re CEIST scoping inquiry questionnaire – the questionnaire has been completed and submitted with no historic incidents to report.

LC Results Analysis:

An analysis was conducted by each subject department of the most recent results of the LC and comparisons were drawn with the national average across all subject areas. A report was made available to the Board. ER talked through the main points of the analysis and presented the findings to the meeting. The Board complimented the school and students on the results and the presentation of findings.

Finance Committee Report:

The Finance committee report 1st Sept – 31st Sept was presented by Amanda Soares and was ratified accordingly.

Principals Report

The principal's report was read by the Board and included a report of the book rental scheme and an outline of recent student achievements and an OLCS report. ER spoke on the main points and extended an invitation to the Board members to the Celebration of Christmas on 12th December (provisional date).

French exchange programme: ER updated the Board on plans to start a French exchange programme and sought clearance from the Board for two staff members to carry out a preparatory visit in November. This was agreed, proposed and seconded. It is planned that this year's travel will be funded under the Erasmus+ programme, but going forward, will work in the same way as the existing German exchange visit.

German exchange programme: DC updated the Board on the recent German exchange visit to Castlereia, which was a great success.

Volunteer acknowledgement: ER informed the Board of a parent and Ukranian Art teacher, Nataliya Ryeutova, who is currently volunteering with the Art department and supporting EAL students for five mornings every week. The Board sanctioned the Principal to gift the volunteer with a voucher close to the Christmas holidays. The Board expressed its gratitude to Ms. Ryeutova.

Mandatory Reporting

CPOR

Anti-bullying

SCA

Next meeting

Upon agreement, the day of the meetings going forward will be changed to Thursday. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th December 2023.

The Chairperson closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and for their interest in the school.