

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 2017 – 5.15PM

Í Lathair: - Denis O' Rourke, Jane Casey, Sr. Bridget O' Connell, Josephine Ryan, Mary Flanagan , Al Meaney, Róisín Meaney, Deirdre Convey

Apologies from:- Mary Howard and Claire Murphy

1. **Welcome:** Jane opened the meeting by welcoming all members and in particular Sr. Bridget as the Salesian Rep. to the first meeting of the B.O.M.

After also welcoming Conor Cusack and Kevin Meaney – Jane invited the two Transition Year Students to speak on the 'Gael bratach'. Conor and Kevin explained the advantages of working towards attaining the Gael bratach, stating it would promote a positive image of Irish in the school. Jane praised the students wishing them well in their efforts

2. **Minutes of the Previous meeting were Read by Deirdre**

3. Matters arising from the minutes:-

a. Denis explained that our Engineering Teacher , Mr. Canny can run the 'Coding Course' and he will also receive further training during the year.

b. The Flat Screen was purchased

c. 40 minutes classes are running well

4. **Correspondence:**

Jane received a letter before the meeting and will have read it for the next meeting. Denis received a letter, announcing a science inspection, on Tuesday, October 17th 2017, Colm O Murchú will be the Cigire and this is a Junior Science Inspection.

5. **Principal's Report: See attached**

Following the reading of the Principal's Report, Jane wished to pay tribute to Michéle on her Retirement. Denis also added that the T.Y. drama will be staged before Christmas, in the hall in Kildysart, with the support of

Kildysart Drama Society for lighting and sound. Mr Moloney will direct the show.

As it is a requirement that feedback from BOM meetings is circulated to staff and parents it was decided that a 'Revised Version' of the Principal's Report could be published on the school's web site. Cognisance will be considered regarding data protection and child protection - the events diary would be the centre of the published version.

6. Financial Report

Denis circulated the Financial Report to all members. Some monies were used from the school lockers – such as the digi- screen and the new stones around the outside of the building as well as the New School Sign. DCG computers were bought for T.Y students doing DCG and grant money was used for there. Money collected for rental of the hall and donations towards sport were lodged into the s0030 department. Machine maintenance was carried out in the practical rooms. Money is lodged in the 'school tours' department for the planned school tour to Belfast in February 2018. 57 students will travel.

7. Policies for Review/Development

A. Child Protection: - Denis informed the Board that the Child Protection Policy is due to change and therefore we will leave it for the moment.

B. Code of Behaviour:- Denis circulated a copy of the relevant page of the "Code of Behaviour" where additions/changes were highlighted – These changes are in the teachers' Journal.

"Teacher will enter a note into students school journal informing Parents/Guardians of the issue"

"Students who receive 3 notes over a period of 2 weeks receive lunchtime detention"

"Failure to complete lunchtime detention results in Friday afternoon detention"

"Students may be referred to year head"

The Board agreed to the additions – the staff are happy with the changes and Jane signed the updated version.

- When a student receives a suspension, the letter sent from the school informing the Parents of the suspension must include “The Right to Appeal”
- **The appendix to School Self Evaluation Report: Legislative and Regulatory** checklist was circulated to all Board Members, Completed and signed by Jane.

8. Parent’s Council/Association up-date

The Parent’s Association met – eight parents attended the opening meeting of the year – The Chairperson, Brid Browne, is organising another Monster Bingo, possibly for February, with the date to be confirmed at a later stage.

9. **A.O.B:-** Jane offered any other member of the Board interested in the role of chairperson for the year. Al proposed Jane and Róisín seconded this.

10. **Date of Next Meeting:-** Monday, November 27th at 5.15pm