



Agreed Report of Board of Management meeting held on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (online)**.

**1. PRESENT:**

Ms. U. O'Donnell (Chairperson)

Mr. H. Crowley

Ms. K. O'Sullivan

Ms. G. McGrath

Ms. F. Regan O'Broin

Ms. C. Cashman

Fr. P. Fogarty

Ms. M. C. Healy

Mr. P. Burke (Secretary to the Board)

**2. MINUTES:**

- Minutes of meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 were adopted.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board noted a number of items of correspondence.

**4. FINANCE:**

The Board reviewed the financial position of the School. The Finance Report was adopted.

**5. STAFFING:**

The delay in issuing the teacher allocations for next year makes it difficult to plan ahead.

**6. ACCS:**

Advice from ACCS is ongoing. The Annual Conference was attended by the Principal and the Chairperson of the Board.

## **7. HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE:**

- The Child Protection Oversight Report will be completed at the next in person meeting
- Anti-bullying policy - annual checklist – for ratification at next face-to-face meeting
- Covid -19 situation:
  - Masks are still available for students and staff, though it is optional as to whether they are worn.
  - HEPA filters have been purchased and are in use in some rooms in the school.
  - The level of absences of both staff and students is very high. We are endeavouring to keep the school open as much as possible however due to staff shortages there may be occasional situations whereby certain classes/year groups have to be sent home or come in late.
  - The teachers on placement, the substitute teachers and all the staff are really helping to keep the school functioning at present given the level of absenteeism due to Covid-19.
- Wellbeing: A number of surveys have been carried out with students, staff and parents around wellbeing in the school. Issues around the provision of healthy food in the canteen were raised.

## **8. TEACHING & LEARNING / SSE:**

- Wellbeing – two members of staff recently attending CPD on Wellbeing as part of SSE
- An updated Digital Learning Plan is now in place

9. **GDPR:** - The school VSWare text system was hacked in February. The issue was reported to the Data Protection Commissioner.

## **10. BUILDINGS:**

- Further investigation is taking place into revamping of the lower pitch / basketball court.
- The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration preparations are ongoing. The date for the celebration is October 7<sup>th</sup> 2022.

## **11. POLICY ADOPTION / REVIEW:**

- A new School Tours Policy was ratified  
After a lengthy discussion the Board have agreed that
  - All tours must be curriculum based, rather than leisure based
  - Tours within Ireland are to be encouraged as they are less expensive and more environmentally sustainable in comparison to foreign travel

- Second year students are too young to be brought on any foreign trips
- If any foreign trips are to go ahead in 2022/2023 the Board will need to be consulted again closer to the time to make a more informed decision around the Covid-19 situation.
- An updated Healthy Eating Policy was ratified
- The updated Admissions Policy will be sent to the Trustees for consideration.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **1. State Examinations:**

- State Examinations – full Leaving & Junior Cert are going ahead
- Some practical exams and all of the oral exams are due to be held over Easter

### **2. Planning 2022/2023:**

- Timetabling for next year has commenced

### **3. Curriculum Planning 2022/2023:**

- Option subjects are all complete
- A third week of work experience, but with a social, community, volunteer aspect is being added to the Transition Year Programme from next year.
- **Croke Park Meetings:** - ongoing
- **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration** – October 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Next meeting of the Board** 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Signed .....

Chairperson

Date .....

