

CARRIGALINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023



Board Composition:

Ms. C. Cashman (Chairperson)
Mr. H. Crowley
Ms. C. Morey
Mr. R. Bateman
Cllr. B. Dalton
Ms. U. O'Donnell
Ms. K. O'Sullivan
Ms. G. Mc Grath
Ms. F. Regan O' Broin
Mr. P. Burke (Secretary)

Board of Management meetings for the academic year 2022/2023 were held in person and were chaired by the Parent's nominee to the Board, Ms. Clodagh Cashman. Board policy is that the position of Chairperson is rotated on an annual basis amongst the nominating bodies.

The Board of Management, throughout the year, was pleased to note that a full comprehensive education programme continued to be offered to all students at Carrigaline Community School, with the full range of option subjects available at all levels.

40th Anniversary Celebrations:

October 7th 2022 will go down in memory as a fantastic celebration, albeit belated due to Covid restrictions. Of the school providing over 40 years of education to the community of Carrigaline and its environs. In the presence of the Taoiseach, Michael Martin and Minister Michael Mc Grath, along with Bishop Fintan Gavin and John Irwin, ACCS General Secretary, a wonderful evening of talks, speeches and humour was witnessed. The event truly captured the spirit of CCS and all it stands for. A special mention goes to Ms. Ann O'Regan for her exemplary work in staging this event.

Finance: *In line with previous practice, the Board considered all major aspects of school finances at each meeting throughout the year, in conjunction with the Finance Sub-Committee. A significant increase in costs was seen due to the serious escalation of energy costs coupled with ongoing maintenance of the original school building. While acknowledging the once off contribution from the government in relation to cost of living (energy) supports the Board continued to express its' concerns around the limited and insufficient resources coming from the DoES to effectively run a school of almost 1100 students. Full year accounts under the guidance of the Financial Services Support Unit were prepared for the year ended 31st August 2022.*

School Policies: *The Board continued its previous practice of reviewing school policies on an on-going basis. The Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the stakeholders at CCS as is required. Other policies adopted/reviewed during the year included the Code of Behaviour; AUP (Acceptable Use Policy in ICT); Relationships & Sexuality Education; Anti-Bullying; Dignity in the Workplace; CCTV; GDPR and Admissions Policy.*

The Board annually reviews the whole school approach to countering bullying. Students and parents are provided with an opportunity to participate in 'Anti-Bullying' Seminars. The School Principal updates the Board of Management on issues related to bullying on a termly basis. The school's Anti-Bullying Policy will be reviewed and updated (where necessary) at the beginning of the next academic year.

Academic Achievement: The Board congratulated the students and teaching staff on the excellent standard of student academic achievement in the State Examinations, in spite of continuing outfall from the covid pandemic.

School Inspections @ CCS: The DoES Inspectorate continued to work in partnership with the school in 2022/2023. The Board welcomed the support of the Inspectorate and its recognition of the high standards of Teaching and Learning across the whole school.

Health & Safety: The Board is keenly aware of its responsibilities under the Health, Safety & Welfare at Work Acts. An annual Risk Assessment is undertaken by all staff at the commencement of each academic year. A thorough review of health and safety has been conducted by the relevant post holder and Principal within the school which has led to an updated H&S Statement / policy being published and approved by the Board. A comprehensive 'Fire Evacuation' protocol is in place in CCS, with year group evacuations carried out during induction at the start of each academic year, followed by a full fire evacuation of the school community.

- **Child Protection:** The Board renews annually the nominations of the Designated Liaison Person and Deputy Designated Liaison Person. The Principal, Mr. Paul Burke was the Designated Liaison Person and Ms. Lorraine Collins was the Deputy Designated Liaison Person in respect of Child Protection. The Board has an item on 'Child Protection' on the agenda for each meeting in line with best practice as recommended in the 'Child Protection Guidelines'.
- **HPV & TDap Vaccinations:** The Board was pleased to continue working with the HSE in relation to HSE Vaccination programmes.

Parents' Association: The Parents' Association continued to play a role in the life of the school during 2022/2023 through the Board of Management due to Covid restrictions. In the absence of an AGM Ms. Niamh O' Brien continued as Chair of the Association for the academic year. The Association has a web presence on www.carrigcs.ie which will be further developed in due course. An annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place in the new academic year.

Students' Council: The Student Council continued to play a vibrant role in the life of the school during Covid times. President Riain O' Flynn was elected by the student population. The Council was centrally involved in a variety of fund raising activities during the year where possible. The Council also played a major role in the induction of in-coming First Year students.

Signed Date
Principal

Signed Date
Chairperson