

Agreed Report from Board of Management meeting September 26th 2023

In attendance: Jill Kelly, Stephen Murphy, Anne Crowley, Alan Kelly, Hilary O'Farrell, Paddy Duggan & Eithne O'Mahony. Apologies: Aideen Crowley.

Minutes from previous meeting were adopted and signed.

Ms. Waugh was congratulated by the board on her wedding.

Principal's Report

Child Protection:

- New Child Protection guidelines were formally adopted by the Board. Staff have updated our Risk Assessment and our Safe Guarding statement in line with the new guidelines.

Staffing/Leadership:

- June's leadership reports were acknowledged.
- We currently have 8 class teachers, 5 SETs with a conditional EAL post.
- We have 3 job shares for this academic year.
- Ms. Áine O' Neill and Ms. Orlaith Nyhan are currently subbing in the school.

Admissions:

- Our Admission Notice has been updated for the school year 2024-25.

Enrolment:

- 196 students are currently enrolled.

Amalgamation:

- There has been no further update with regards a date for amalgamation.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Two engineers from the Department came to view the roof on June 29th and Mrs. Kelly has contacted them for further information and is awaiting further response.
- Billy was thanked for all his work over the summer in the upkeep of the school and for doing a great job painting the yard next to our ASD classes.
- Raymond Morgan completed his usual cutting and maintenance of hedging.
- Eddie Coleman completed window cleaning on the 18th of August.
- Astro pitch upkeep: We are awaiting a visit from Hourihan's re maintenance. New signs have been erected to remind people to remove their rubbish.

Sherpa:

- Mrs. Kelly was approached by the PA about the possibility of Sherpa afterschool club starting for our school and SPN. Mrs. Kelly and Ms. Hennessy have met with Sherpa twice and are looking at a potential suitable room for the club.

Teaching and Learning:

- The Blast ARTS programme will be facilitated after Christmas in 4th class. Ms. Waugh and Mrs. Kelly met with Rae McKinlay on Zoom on 11th September to plan for this.
- Five art pieces from Cork County Council are on display in our school. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Waugh met with the co-ordinator to organise workshops for the children to engage with these contemporary art pieces.
- Ms. Walsh has made enquiries into re-establishing our Active Flag.
- We were successful in being chosen for 'Say Yes to Languages' programme in Term 1 for teaching French. Ms. Culhane will be delivering the programme. This is a pilot programme ahead of modern languages officially becoming a part of the new Curriculum.
- The New Maths Curriculum documentation arrived last week and was distributed to all permanent staff members. It is also available online.
- PIEW (prioritise, implement, embed and wait) grid has been started in relation to SSE with a focus on key areas for the coming few years. Each teacher has been given a copy and it is also on display in the staffroom and Mrs. Kelly's office. We will continue working on our SIP during the academic year.

CPD:

- Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Kelly will be attending CPD on the New Maths Curriculum on 16th October in the West Cork Education Centre.
- Ms. Ryan attended Tánaiste training for deputy principals in August. There will be more training dates during the year.
- Mrs. Kelly will attend 'Misneach 3' principal training in October.
- Ms. Ryan attended a Tusla conference meeting on Monday 25th in Cork.
- Mrs. Kelly attended webinar on school attendance.
- Mrs. Kelly signed up for a series of 3 webinars on Restorative practice.

Events:

- €554 was raised on a fundraising day in June for The Bandon Playground Group and The Bandon Family Resource Centre.
- We will be holding a sponsored walkathon on Friday the 29th of September and we have our permit on file. The money raised will go towards swimming this year for classes 2nd-6th and for dance for Juniors-1st and the 2 ASD classes.
- Rugby will run for 8 weeks from the end of September for 3rd and 5th classes.
- Ms. Walsh has organised swimming for 2nd – 6th classes.
- Cycling will take place for 6 weeks with Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st Class, 2nd Class, 4th Class and Mrs. Wilson & Ms. Twomey's classes.

Requests:

- Funding was approved for a whiteboard in an SET classroom, an internet safety course for 5th and 6th classes, a set of Hi Lo readers and a seminar for teachers on wellbeing.

Next meeting is proposed for November the 7th 2023