

Agreed Report from BOM Meeting 5/12/23

Attendance: Hilary O'Farrell, Jill Kelly, Carol Hurley, Aideen Crowley, Anne Crowley and Sarah Walsh.

Apologies: Stephen Murphy and Rory O'Connor.

Minutes were read, proposed and seconded.

Antibullying:

- 5th and 6th class attended a Zoom webinar with Ger Brick yesterday December 4th which addressed cyber bullying.

Enrolment:

- 199 pupils currently enrolled.
- We will visit preschools in early January to advertise the school and give the date of January 25th for an Open Day and Night. Our shared future will be outlined in any flyers for the school as well as an advertisement in the December edition of the Bandon Opinion.

Amalgamation:

- The steering committee met last night, 4th December, and are continuing to work towards September 2024 for amalgamation.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Mrs Kelly outlined repairs and maintenance works currently underway. Potholes on the hill are to be repaired.

Sherpa:

- Sherpa will commence on the 15th January in the hall of Scoil Phádraig Naofa. Sherpa will attend our Open Day on January 25th to display and advertise their services.

Parents Association:

- Parents Association along with parent volunteers and children decorated the school last Thursday evening, 30th November. The PA have organised our annual Santa visit for Thursday December 21st along with a school disco.

Teaching and Learning:

- Mrs Kelly the IPPN conference in Killarney on the 15th-17th November.
- Ms Sarah Walsh attended the INTO Education Consultative Conference on 17th and 18th November.
- Ms Ber Ryan attended Tanaiste training on November 29th.
- Catherine Smithwick came to the school on November 20th for her 2nd Advisory visit on the PLC and will be coming on December 8th for her 3rd visit. These visits are proving to be very beneficial as we are linking in with Catherine to help us with our Handwriting SSE in the school.

- Fiona O' Callaghan held a very informative 2 hours on Wellbeing on November 28th with the Wellbeing Committee giving us very clear guidance and understanding in our planning for this SSE area.

CPD:

- Barbara Desmond attended Zippy Friends online training on Thursday 9th November.
- Mrs Denise Lucey and Ms Teresa Manning attended EAL seminar today, December 5th in Dunmanway.
- STEM CPD is happening in school this Thursday 7th December for 2 hours for all teachers.
- Whiteboard CPD for all teachers was held on November 27th and was very beneficial.

Events:

- Thanks to Ms Ryan and Ms Waugh who applied for the Frameworks initiative run by Cork County Council. We have a number of artworks on display in the school for the year. 4th class were very lucky to have Fiona Thomas an artist who delivered An Art Project through 4 workshops with the pupils. There was a lovely write up in the Southern Star and Cork Beo about this.
- Presentation Day this year was a lovely celebration and 2nd-6th Classes enjoyed participating in Mass in the convent chapel on the day. The nuns were presented with some flowers, a mass bouquet and balloons to mark 50 years of our current school building.
- Thank you to one of our parents, Ernesta, who came in and did some baking with the girls in 4th Class on 22nd November which was a lovely opportunity for them.
- Camogie has started in the school on Mondays for all classes and will continue up until the Christmas holidays. Thank you to Bandon Camogie Club for providing us with this opportunity.
- All classes participated in "Active Break Every Day" Challenge as part of our application process for the Active Flag.
- On Friday 1st December, Éabha Wall and Laura from Alcon, a medical engineering company that specialises in eye care visited our school. 5th class along with Ms Twomey's and Ms Wilson's classes joined together to listen to a description on the work Alcon does.
- The Infant classes are very busy practicing for their Christmas play "Christmas Counts" which they will perform on the 19th December at 11.30 a.m. and at 6 p.m.
- 3rd-6th Classes have started preparing for their Carol Service in Riverview on December 20th.
- 2nd- 4th Classes are hoping to visit St. Michaels Centre this Friday, December 8th to entertain the residents and they will also be attending Mass in the Parish Church on December 15th 9.30 a.m.