



Board of Management meeting

Report to the School Community 17th Nov. 2014

- 1) Opening Prayer – read by Brenda Cooper.
- 2) Matters Arising:
 - a) Arrangements were made for representatives to attend the upcoming Loreto Network Day.
 - b) Oratory development – update given, indicating that a specialist had been brought in to develop a proposal.
 - c) The Board ratified Jacinta Cantwell's appointment to the position of Assistant Principal and congratulated her on her promotion.
 - d) Appointments: Julie Mackey (RE/History) and Emma Galvin (Home Ec.) were welcomed to our staff as maternity leave replacements.
- 3) Correspondence
 - a) Dept. Circulars: no new circulars since the last meeting
 - b) J.M.B. bulletins 15-19 were summarised. It was noted that two members of staff had attended the 'Enhancing Education with Technology' event and that data in relation to 'Reasonable Accommodations' applications were being held in the school.
- 4) Update on Enrolment for 2015
 - a) The principal reported that there were currently 13 on the waiting list and it was unlikely that there would be significant movement before the assessment test in March.
- 5) Finance – originally item 15:
 - a) Budget: 2014/2015 – the new draft was approved by the Board
 - b) Final accounts: 2013/2014 - approved by the Board
 - c) Report from finance committee
 - d) Report on sports facilities - it was reported that early signs were that the rental income was performing well.
- 6) Principal's Report:

- a) Suspension report – none since the last meeting
 - b) General events reported to the Board. It was agreed that the thanks of the Board would be conveyed to the organisers of the PAL trip to New York.
- 7) Kolkata Guidelines:
- a) Inclusivity – seeking to educate all, irrespective of ability, creed or ethnic, social and economic backgrounds. It was generally agreed that school was doing well in this regard, including the inclusion of members of the travelling community and students of different faiths.
- 8) Parents' Association Report
- a) Fundraising plans – details of the upcoming fundraiser, cookery demonstration, were outlined.
 - b) New officers had been elected – Sheila Brennan (secretary) and Michelle Kent (vice chairperson).
- 9) Health and Safety:
- a) Fire drill – 5th November - was reported to have been satisfactory.
- 10) School Development Planning
- a) It was reported that there would only be a sum total of 1 hour's worth of meeting time after the 22nd of December.
 - b) The in-service day on the 8th of December would be used to continue the roll out of the literacy plan and I.T. training.
- 11) A.O.B.
- a) 1st Year Parent Night – a report was given, including results of a survey of parents.
 - b) A report from the ICT co-ordinator was presented and a motion of thanks to Fiona McGrath was passed.
 - c) It was agreed that a maintenance plan for all school IT equipment would need to be put in place.