



Board of Management meeting
Thursday, 22nd October 2015
Report to the School Community

1. Opening Prayer – was read by Tony from the Loreto Prayer Book.
2. The new Board members were welcomed.
 - a. Arrangements were made for the attendance at the upcoming J.M.B./Loreto training for Board of Management.
3. The minutes of the meetings of the 14.9.15 & 5.10.15 were adopted by the Board.
4. Matters Arising
 - a. Loreto has been accepted for a pilot scheme for the induction of newly qualified teachers and a team of three teachers had received training regarding same.
5. Correspondence
 - a. Department of Education and Skills – circulars relevant to our sector (0047/2015 to 0056/2015) were summarised for the Board.
 - b. J.M.B. (Joint Managerial Body, representing Voluntary Secondary Schools) Bulletins numbers 7 to 13 were also summarised.
6. Building Programme
 - a. A report on progress in relation to the special needs classroom, oratory, staffroom and assembly hall was given.
7. Principal's Report:
 - a. A report on school events was given. The Board expressed its appreciation to all staff members who had made such an impressive array of events available for our students.
 - b. Enrolments for 2016 – a report on the process was given with numbers of applicants and places offered also provided.
8. Kolkata Guidelines – it was agreed that the personal and holistic development of our students would be reflected on at the next meeting.
9. Parents' Association Report
 - a. A report on the successful AGM with guest speaker Dr Mark Rowe was given.
10. Health and Safety – preparations being made for first fire drill of the year after the mid-term

11. Child Protection:

- a. Child Protection Guidelines – it was agreed that the annual review would take place at the next meeting, using the Department’s recommended checklist.
- b. It was agreed that the presentation for staff could be emailed to the Board members and any queries could be addressed at the next meeting.

12. School Development Planning:

- a. ICT in education – the principal gave a presentation outlining the details of the O.E.C.D. report, new Department strategy and the Loreto experience (as previously presented at the parents’ AGM). He also showed a video clip created by students.
- b. Staff meetings:
 - 10 Continued work on subject planning and committees
 - 11 Meeting up-coming on the 2/11/2015
- c. WSE/MLL follow-on inspection – draft for factual verification very positive. A document showing the steps taken in relation to the recommendations was circulated.

13. Items and times for next meetings

- a. It was agreed to rotate the days on which meetings would fall. The following dates were agreed: 26th November, 13th January, 23rd February – all meetings at 7pm.

14. The report was agreed and the meeting concluded.