



Board of Management meeting

Thursday, 27th March, 2014

Report to the School Community

1. Opening Prayer – Brenda Cooper read a ‘Prayer for Lent’
2. Correspondence
 - a. D.E.S. circulars relevant to this sector were summarised: 0016/2014, 0018/2014, 0019/2014, 0020/2014, 0021/2014, 0022/2014
 - b. Joint Managerial Body (J.M.B.) Bulletins 35 to 39 were summarised.
3. Leaving Certificate Applied – report on programme evaluation by the Inspectorate. It was agreed that the findings were very positive. It was noted with regret that the programme would not be running next year due to insufficient demand. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to discuss the report with the L.C.A. team.
4. Principal’s Report
 - a. The principal gave a report on general events that had taken place since the last meeting. Highlights were the school’s victory in the E.U. Model Debating competition and the school’s Live Life Week, promoting mental health.
 - b. The Board approved the participation of the 5th Year choir in the Bratislava Advent Choral Festival.
 - c. The plans for the opening ceremony – to take place on the 9th of May – were outlined.
 - d. A report on sporting events was given with highlights being our Junior Hockey team’s victory in the Cup final, our U-19 Badminton All Ireland title and our senior cross country team’s bronze in the All Ireland finals.

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5. Kolkata Guidelines
 - a. 'Percent Art' scheme – update given by committee.
 - b. The principal reported that he, Paula Farrell and Niamh O'Sullivan had attended the Development Education day organised by the Loreto Education Centre.
 - c. Report on International Loreto Conference Sydney (June 2013) was presented by the principal who thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend.
6. Parents' Association Report
 - a. A report on the latest meeting, discussions regarding funding of projects, the recent Fun Run and the meeting with the Student Council was given.
7. A review of our child protection policy and procedures was carried out by the Board using the Department's checklist. It was agreed that the policy would be emailed to staff and placed on the website.
8. Report on HSE Guidelines on Managing Infectious Diseases: Brenda Cooper presented a summary and was thanked for her work.
9. School Planning: board updated on progress in relation to curriculum planning and the school improvement plan.
10. Finance :
 - a. The Board was presented with a report on the finances up to the end of February with a comparison with last year and the current budget indicated.
11. Items for next meeting – it was agreed that the Anti-Bullying policy would be finalised.