



Board of Management meeting

Thursday, 13th February 2014

Report to the School Community

1. Opening Prayer – Brenda Cooper read a prayer for St. Brigid.
2. Matters Arising:
 - a. School Uniforms – the principal reported that he had placed a survey on the school website and notified parents by text message. Approximately 10% of parents responded and it was agreed by the Board that the results of the survey generally suggested that there was no need for change. It was agreed that the results of the survey should be published.
3. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from Trust Board relaying their decision that all Loreto schools would maintain Religious Education as a core subject (2 hours per week) in the context of Junior Cycle reform.
 - b. Request from CSPA (Congress of Catholic Schools Parents Associations) for a contribution of €1 per student – it was agreed to defer a decision on this matter for a further year.
4. Reflection on WSE/MLL experience – it was agreed that the overall experience was very positive and that a meeting would be called to discuss the draft report when issued.
5. Principal's Report
 - a. General events – the principal reported on general events that had taken place in the school since the last meeting. It was agreed that the appreciation of the Board would be conveyed to the Guidance team for their excellent '5th Year Options' presentation to parents.
 - b. The principal reported on sporting achievements. Of particular note was the senior basketball team and the hosting of the All Ireland play-offs, the U-17 Soccer team's winning of the Leinster Cup, our U-19 Badminton team's Leinster title, our Cross Country team's fantastic performance in the Leinster finals (2nd place) and a excellent set of Hockey results.
 - Enrolment for 1st Year class of 2014:

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- Assessment test would take place on 1st March

6. Kolkata Guidelines

- a. 'Percent for Art' scheme update – the committee was continuing its work to consider the submissions received and it was hoped that a decision would be reached by the end of February.
- b. Report on the International Loreto Conference – deferred until the next meeting
- c. Digital Signage Proposal – it was reported that the signage was installed and going very well.

7. Parents' Association Report

- a. Funding of digital signage being considered
- b. The issue of supporting and promoting the Young Scientists had been discussed.
- c. The parents' booklet was nearing completion.
- d. Representatives of the association would meet the students' council to discuss how funding could be used to support the students' needs.

8. Posts of Responsibility – two Assistant Principal vacancies had been created as a result of the Haddington Road Agreement. Loreto had nine such posts previously but these had been reduced to four as a result of cutbacks.

9. Report on HSE Guidelines – Brenda Cooper reported that she had nearly completed a 15-page summary of the 75-page H.S.E. document.

10. School Planning

- a. Curriculum
 - i) It was reported that the viability of L.C.A. was being explored.

11. Finance - a report on the finances of the school was presented to the Board.

12. Items for next meeting (**27th of March**):

- a. Child Protection Policy review

13. A.O.B.

- a. Bullying policy update: further consultation with parents, staff and students and a review date to be set before ratification.
- b. The exemption from the study of RE Policy was clarified.

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