



## **Report to the School Community**

Board of Management meeting

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2013.**

1. The opening prayer was read by Brenda Cooper
2. Andrew Kevitt of O'Brien Harnett Associates, the auditors of the school accounts, was introduced to the Board. He outlined key issues in the final accounts for 2012/2013 and answered questions from members of the Board.
3. Matters Arising: it was noted that a parent/teacher meeting had been organised for the 28<sup>th</sup> of November in line with the Board decision.
4. Correspondence
  - a. Proposal regarding 6<sup>th</sup> Year trip to London in February 2015 – approved by the board.
  - b. D.E.S. circulars 52/2013 to 69/2013, relevant to this sector, were summarized. In relation to 52/2013, the board was informed that the school was compliant in relation to the employment of qualified teachers.
  - c. Joint Managerial Board (J.M.B.) Bulletins 15-20 were summarised. The transfer to the new PPOD system was explained as was the school's use of the new VS Ware administration system.
5. Building Programme
  - a. Practical completion granted . Planting of trees on avenue only work left uncompleted (due this month).
  - b. Opening Ceremony – it was agreed that consultation would take place.
6. Principal's Report
  - a. The Principal gave a report on school events that had taken place since the last meeting. A report on the new initiative in which a group called 'Pure at Heart' gave a talk to 5<sup>th</sup> Year students on the topic of chastity indicated that it received a very positive response.
  - b. A comprehensive report on T.Y. activities to date was given.

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- c. A report on sporting activity was given and the following wins were noted: Swim team's victory at the Loreto swimming gala (they also won the 'Loreto Spirit Award' for team spirit and sportsmanship); Leinster 1<sup>st</sup> Year Camogie Championship; Leinster Seven-a-Side Camogie Championship; Leinster 1<sup>st</sup> Year Futsal Championship.
- Scholarship Awards based on performance in Leaving Certificate – it was reported that three past pupils had received scholarships from U.C.D. and another from Trinity.

#### 7. Kolkata Guidelines

- a. 'Percent Art' scheme – the Board was informed that interested artists were invited to attend the school on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. It was also agreed that the idea of creating a specific space for displays such as cribs, advent wreath etc. would be explored.
- b. Report on Catholic Schools Partnership – this consultation had been attended by Nichola Read, Martin Hanrahan, Jenny Dalton and Colm Keher.
- c. It was agreed to install digital signage in two public areas in the school and the staff room.

#### 8. Parents' Association Report

- a. The Style Night was a success, providing a great learning experience for students and raising €2,500.
- b. A.G.M. – it was reported that the talk by Fergus Heffernan was very well received and the tour of the school was appreciated by parents.
  - i) Principal's Report at the A.G.M. covered the following topics: curriculum, academic performance of the school, well-being, uniform (it was reported that parents were positive in relation to the maintenance of the uniform), behaviour, anti-bullying policy, uniform issue, parent/teacher meetings – explaining BoM decision etc.; new building (including arrangements for drop off of students etc and entry control); finance.

#### 9. Health and Safety

- a. Fire drill to take place soon. Class prefects being briefed on their role.

#### 10. School Development Planning:

- a. Update on Anti-Bullying/Internet usage committee was given.

#### 11. Finance – copy of draft final accounts for 2012/2013 was circulated in advance of the meeting. Meeting

- a. A report on the rental of school sports facilities was given.

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