



Board of Management meeting
Thursday, 15 October 2020
Report to the School Community

1. Opening Prayer
2. Ethos Reflection - the following reflection (from 'Continuing the Journey') was circulated in advance.

How are we promoting a sense of belonging to the wider Loreto education family?

How do we avail of and contribute to links between this school and other Loreto schools and offices?

What is the level of participation of staff and students in the Loreto Network activities?

What information about Loreto worldwide is provided to the school community?

Why do we continue to value the linkages with other Loreto schools?

The programme of national Loreto events was viewed and further to that the following activities were referenced as additional activities that positively contributed to the sense of connection to the wider Loreto community.

- Virtual Camino Walk Loreto Schools
- Loreto Rumbek - Sr Orla's visit and the recent non-uniform day

The Board affirmed the value of attending Loreto events and the importance of those in attendance feeding back to the school community.

3. Correspondence
 - a. JMB Bulletins 14 to 21 were summarised. The Board approved the proposed Covid-19 Code of Behaviour.
4. Review of Covid Plan
 - a. The nature of the pilot school inspections re COVID were outlined
 - b. Wellbeing of staff, teachers, management and pupils was discussed and it was agreed that the Board would continue to prioritise same.
 - c. It was agreed that while it was beyond the limit of the school's capacity to guarantee safe behaviours, it was agreed that the coaching pupils on such behaviours coming to and going from school would be beneficial.
5. Parents' Association report.
 - a. 65 had attended the recent Zoom meeting
 - b. AGM 11 November - Mary Kennedy to be the guest speaker.
6. Principal's Report

- Events were outlined by the principal
 - 1st yr hockey and camogie underway
 - Athletics - training
 - Junior and Senior Hockey cup teams after school training
 - Basketball - '3-on-3' practice as prescribed by Basketball Ireland
 - Home Ec cookery practicals resumed
 - Orchestra - Jun and Senior - alternative weeks
 - Rotary Interact Club going well
 - TY students have done KK walking tours and bonding days
 - Evening study up and running
 - Miss first year tomorrow took place with the senior prefects doing a fantastic job putting together a video with all the acts.
 - Fire drill training underway
 - Ecology trip
 - Matrix workshop TYs
- Assessment Review underway to explore the idea of timetabled exams for 6th and 3rd Years.
- Student survey - results of a survey on Covid procedures and the one-hour timetable were presented.
- It was reported that the Graduation Mass for the LC 2020 group was due to take place on Friday (October) via Zoom.

7. Child Protection report was presented in accordance with national legislation.

8. Development Plan

- a. SEAI grant - It is planned to have the work completed by Thursday of the mid-term break (bulk of work is the installation of the windows).
- b. Works to improve the acoustics in Hughes Hall - approved
- c. LED lights for Hockey Pitch - approved (will significantly reduce electricity consumption)

9. Finance - final accounts 2019/2020 having been circulated were adopted by the Board.

10. A.O.B.

Look at other options - canteen options to be considered.

Lack of access to lockers for students was raised.

11. The report was agreed and the meeting was adjourned.



Colm Keher,
Secretary.