

Agreed Report of the Board of Management Meeting – 10th December, 2020 **(Zoom @ 6.30pm)**

Present: Bill Reidy, Eoin Kennedy, Humphrey Moynihan, Frances O'Mahony, Elaine Linehan, John Sheehan, Paula Burke.

1. The **Minutes** of the previous meeting (19th October, 2020) were proposed and seconded.
2. There were no **matters arising**.

3. Correspondence:

A letter of resignation from the Board of Management was sent by Canon Jim O' Donovan . The chairperson will issue a letter of thanks to Canon Jim for his years of service on the Board of Management of Scoil Bhríde.

4. Appointments Ratification:

Another permanent Special Needs Assistant post and a maternity leave position have been filled.

5. Principal's Report:

- Scoil Bhríde will have 72 incoming Junior Infants for September 2021. Staff numbers will remain stable for the next two years.
- The principal introduced a document outlining the restrictions surrounding Christmas performances, singing and verse-speaking. This document will be incorporated into the school Covid plan.
- The principal undertook to brief the Board of the work being done by the staff on the recommendations of the Follow-Through Inspection. Four sub-groups have been set up to work on (a) the Oral Language Policy for English; (b) the Oral Language Policy for Gaeilge; (c) the Special Educational Needs Policy and (d) the Assessment Policy.
 - Interim reports from these sub-groups was emailed to Board members.
 - In addition to these interim reports, data was presented which will be used to inform the School's Self Evaluation of the History Plan. This data was correlated following questionnaires distributed to staff, parents and pupils regarding attitudes and opinions of History as a school subject.
 - A timeline for the continuation of the work on these policies will be drawn up in the new year.
- The principal informed the Board that the Minor Work's grant available for schools would be used to replace the toilets and flooring and provide storage in the Infant classrooms .
- The Board discussed what the next focus for school fund-raising should be. The provision of an outdoor All-Weather pitch and re-flooring the P.E. Hall were topics discussed. It was decided that the re-flooring of the P.E. hall would be a priority.
- The principal extended a sincere vote of thanks to the Parent's Association for their recent fund-raising initiative (personalised Christmas decorations) and the gifts bestowed by them on the third class pupils for their First Communion on the 11th of December.

Representatives of the P.A. will come to meet the Board when Health/Safety guidelines allow.

6. Treasurer's Report:

The school accounts have been finalised by Smart School Accounting (Limerick) and will be submitted to the auditors. The accounts should be completed by January.

7. Community Nominee:

The Board has agreed to co-opt Monsignor Gearóid Dullea as the community nominee onto the Board of Management.

The next Board meeting is set to be held on the **2nd of February, 2021.**