

Agreed Report of Board of Management Meeting - 16th February 2021 (Zoom at 7pm)

Present: Eoin Kennedy, Bill Reidy, Elaine Linehan, Monsignor Gearóid Dullea, Humphrey Moynihan, Frances O'Mahony, Paula Burke

Apologies: John Sheehan

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and seconded. Matters arising are to be dealt with by the Principal in his report.

Correspondence:

The draft report of Supporting the Safe Provision of Schooling, undertaken by the Inspectorate in December, was received by the school for verification. This was a very positive report which was verified and returned to the Department. The final report will be put on the school website for viewing by the school community.

A letter, in reply to one received from the teacher in Aoibhneas, was composed and sent by the Chairperson of the Board.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer acknowledged, with thanks, the help of the Principal in compiling the financial reports for the school. The End-of-Year accounts are to be completed by the end of February and will be signed-off by the Board at the next meeting.

A substantial amount of work has been done to update and modernise the school and the Board concluded that financially it would be in a position to help fund further projects within the school. The members of the Board were asked for suggestions for appropriate ways of allocating these funds with regard to the needs of the school. Suggestions are to be emailed to the Principal before the next meeting.

Principal's Report:

- The Board is satisfied that the PPE equipment in the school meets the necessary Health and Safety standards.
- As teaching and learning throughout the school continues online, the Principal acknowledged the positive feedback being received from the parental body.
- There will be a phased re-opening of the school. On Monday, 22nd February, the children, teacher and SNAs in Aoibhneas, the special class, will return to school along with the Principal, school

secretary, caretaker and cleaning staff. The pupils will have staggered entrance/exit times in line with social distancing and Health and Safety guidelines.

A door has been erected outside of Aoibhneas to make a separate passageway for the children. An area has also been cordoned off for teacher-breaks outside the unit.

- The school yard is a safety issue because of the persistent moss growth which makes the surface very slippery. The removal of the moss has included the use of chemicals and power-washing and is proving to be expensive and hazardous. A more permanent solution will need to be investigated.

- Four extra pupils have been enrolled at various levels throughout the school. The number of teachers on the staff will now remain stable for the next two years.

- The Board has received requests for leave from some teachers on the staff:

All Leave requests were granted by the Board. Four fixed-term positions will be filled during the summer holidays.

- It was agreed that the Job-Sharing/Leave Policy would be reviewed by the Board. A sub-committee, consisting of the Principal, two Board-members and two members of the school staff, would be formed to discuss the policy and report back to the Board in May.

The next Board meeting, on Thursday, 25th February 2021, will be to review and approve the school accounts.