

Agreed Report of Board of Management Meeting Tuesday, 19th January 2021 (on Zoom @6pm)

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

1. Minutes:
The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and seconded.
There were no matters arising.

2. Members of the Board were circulated with the **Inspectorate Report** "Supporting the Safe Provision of Schooling" following the inspection conducted on 17th December in the school. This report was extremely positive and the principal thanked the key people involved (including the deputy –principal, Ms Jennifer O'Shea, the I.S.M. team, the caretaker and Séan Corry -Lead Worker Representative) for their hard work in ensuring the school met with the requirements of Departmental Guidelines on Covid-19.

3. The Department has announced that schools (and classes) for children with special educational needs are to re-open. However, this has yet to be confirmed as the INTO and FORSA are currently in talks with the Department re: teacher concerns about the safe re-opening of schools.
In the meantime, revised procedures for the safe re-opening of Aoibhneas, the special class within the school, have been drawn up.
The Board discussed and accepted these revised procedures.
Concerns were raised as to whether the disposable masks used in the school were of sufficient high-grade medical quality. It was decided that this matter would be reviewed.
It was decided that, given a Departmental directive, the school would have no option but to open (with reservations).

4. The school has now returned to distance teaching and learning and the staff is engaging in a variety of means to support mainstream and SEN pupils.
These include (a) Google Meet (online video classroom); (b) Seesaw; (c) Zoom and (d) Work for pupils to engage in offline.
The Chairperson thanked the Principal and staff for the work that has been done and acknowledged the positive feedback and affirmation from the parental body.

5. Condolences were offered from the Board to the families of the recently deceased Mrs Noreen Burke, mother of Emma Landers (teacher) and Catherine Burke (retired teacher). Mrs Noreen Burke was a former deputy-principal of Scoil Bhríde.

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