



Agreed Report

Board of Management meeting

30th January 2020

<p>Principal's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We welcome all members of our new Board. This Board of Management will sit until 2023. <p>Members: Liam Ahern (elected Chairperson) Teresa Coughlan (Secretary to the Board) Joanne Dillon (Recording secretary) Bertie Og Murphy (ETB nominee) Lisa Culley (parent nominee) Ruairí Ó Catháin (parent nominee) Arthur Mc Carthy (community nominee) Pat Ryan (community nominee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We currently are staffed as follows:• 8 Mainstream teachers• 1 SET + 13 hours developing post• 1 Shared SET (2 days per week- Múinteoir Máire)• 2 EAL teachers• 2.66 SNAs• 1 secretary (20 hours per week)• 1 administrative principal• We have 2 newly qualified teachers (Carrie Miller and Aoife Fitzgerald) and both are engaging with the Droichead process at present. This replaces the old 'dip' which included an inspector's visit.• We will have 2 full classes of Junior infants starting in September 2020.• We were engaged in a campaign to secure the patronage of a new school that will open in September 2020 in Carrigaline.• An Action group has been established to build the brand of Community National schools across Cork• Teresa and Joanne did a visit to 4 established Community National schools in Dublin/ Navan, to see how the ethos is lived in schools that have developed over time.• We hope to proceed with Aladdin Connect- a new app that will allow parents to upload absence reasons, edit their contact information etc. <p>Teaching practice students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are facilitating 2 students this academic year- Aisling Owens and Alison Forde.• Credit is due to all of our teachers for their generosity in welcoming these students into their classrooms <p>School tours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following conversation at our recent staff meeting, we are looking to our policy when booking tours. Tours are to be educational and relevant, and to be spiral in their progression, keeping in line with our SESE plan. (Cork- Juniors- 1st, Munster- 3rd and 4th, Ireland- 5th/ 6th.)
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	<p>Building works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra information regarding new building should be with the Planning dept in early February. They will then have 2 months to make a decision. Cork ETB released a statement with an expected timeframe of 2023. • Teresa had a meeting with Ronan Clarke (engineer) and Maurice Ahern (GAA) regarding the location of prefabs going forwards. We are planning for 7 new cabins to be installed over the next 3 years. • The plans have not been confirmed as yet. • We highlighted a number of concerns • Play areas • Distance between classrooms • Parking issues • Pedestrian access to GAA grounds <p>Continuous Professional Development</p> <p>We continue to encourage and support our teachers to engage meaningfully with courses that will enhance their teaching.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a full day closure on the 9th of January for whole staff training in the Primary Language curriculum. • Múinteoir Carrie and Melissa attended a course entitled 'ADHD Teacher and SNA workshop'. • Bríd and Ursula attended a Healthy eating and Wellbeing course. • Múinteoir Kris has completed her Incredible years training. • Joanne, Teresa and Ursula attended 4 day training by NIPT and are now Professional Support team members, who can work with Newly Qualified teachers as part of the Droichead process. <p>School self evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School self evaluation is an important part of our school development. • Our targeted areas for improvement are behaviour and spelling. • Behaviour is in year 2 of our SSE process. We continue to evaluate and reflect on practice and the changing needs of our school. • Spelling is in year 1 of the process and is making a big impact in 1st -3rd classes. The removal of spelling from daily homework and working on spelling in stations has increased confidence and has improved general attainment. Step 4 of the process will reintroduce spellings into homework occasionally. • Handwriting is also a key step in our self evaluation.
Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were to develop a homework policy in Term 1, however as it was the first year of menu approach we chose to work on practice and will now write it into policy in Term 2. We have 2 parents on the committee. • The healthy eating policy is under review also. • We are looking at a job sharing/ career break policies as a staff currently. This is in draft form and will be up for ratification at the next meeting. • Anti bullying policy was reviewed at this meeting.