



Agreed Report

Board of Management meeting

3rd June 2021

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Principal's Report	<p>Congratulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .Nil <p>We sent our wishes to Joe Bunce on a speedy recovery.</p>
	<p>Educational matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We received an increase in our SET allocation after lengthy engagement with the NCSE. Our allocation has risen from 54.5 hours to 70 hours (25 hours equals a full post). • We will not have any confirmation of which class teacher will teach each class yet, and we will not be in a position to inform parents will not be informed until after interviews. • Discussion was raised around punctuality, and the fact that several children have missed days of schools when you total the minutes. An agreement was made by the Board that this must not be acceptable.
	<p>Covid 19- update and provisions in place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have continued to adhere to our Covid Response plan, and to follow any updates released by BoM regarding ventilation and best practice. • Any cases connected to the school have occurred in situations where the children have not been in school, so we have not had any close contacts. • We have organised our Sports Day, End of year cheer and Intercultural week bearing the restrictions in mind • We received an additional grant for enhanced cleaning and PPE for term 3.
	<p>School Self Evaluation- SSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will wrap up this cycle of our School self evaluation process at the end of June. • Our topics were behaviour, handwriting and spelling. • We are delighted with the progress of handwriting over the 2 years, with a huge improvement this year when the teachers made a concerted effort to move on with cursive. • The staff have noticed a significant improvement in behaviour since 2018, and in our school survey • Based on staff feedback and discussion, review of progress and areas of need, we are going to highlight Ethos development and Gaeilge as our areas, with sub areas for improvement being continuation of



	<p>spelling, reading for pleasure in the classroom and collaborative planning</p>
	<p>Feedback sessions and staff survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I completed the 1 on 1 feedback sessions with each staff member (due to happen in March). • We also sent out a staff survey. • The feedback was hugely helpful and we met as an ISM to discuss the various ideas raised. • We are prioritising the following for 2021/2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice monthly meetings from Sept- Dec with all new staff, with a review at that stage • GMGY mentoring from GMGY committee • Organised curricular areas (currently working on Art, STEM, Aistear and Maths) • Communication guidelines (preserving right to disengage!) particularly with whatsapp messages and parent emails. • Creation of a 'Scoil Chliodhna handbook' for new staff as much of the info communicated on first day meeting resulted in overload. Múinteoir Dairine and Eoghan have worked on a version of this. • Monthly newsletter with main points from office plus links to other items to prevent overload of emails
	<p>Building works</p> <p>Temporary accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our prefabs for Second class were delivered at the start of April and were ready to move in to after Easter. • After a slight delay, our prefabs for 21/22 were delivered this week and should be ready before we finish in June. • This is the first year with no building works over the summer in Scoil Chliodhna, largely due to the excellent work by Cork ETB supporting our efforts to ensure a timely installation. <p>New build</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have no update as to the tendering process for the new campus, however, Norma Foley has predicted breaking of ground in Quarter 3 (Cork ETB have predicted early 2022) • There is significant work underway with the roads at present.
	<p>CPD for staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school have paid for 4 of our teachers to be trained in Mata sa rang (€500). • Teachers and SNAs have engaged with numerous online CPD courses . • We are currently training to become an Autism Friendly school. Each staff member was given time off to access the training material. • We have invested in new books for our staff library. Each class grouping was given an hour to explore the library together, to discover what we have in stock and how they could be used.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alisha Heffernan has applied for funding to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Multi denominational and ethical education. • Ursula has completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Multi denominational and ethical education. • Bríd O’ Mahoney has just completed her diploma in Special and Inclusive Education. • CETB have agreed to part fund a Masters in Literacy Education for Teresa.
	<p>General report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intercultural week was a great success, with plenty of engagement. The recipe book created from recipes from our families raised over €500 which has been used to purchase items to promote inclusion in our school. • We held an induction week for our new Junior infants. We held a Zoom session for parents and also invited all children to view a classroom in their preschool pods. Parents remained outside and the children came to meet the teachers. The rooms were cleaned and fogged between visits. • We have also engaged in Mo Scéal- a new, more formal method of communicating with preschools. This has given us lots of great information about our new Junior infants. • We are currently running Active Week, which is a week full of activities for each class to engage with. We were due to hold our Sports Day tomorrow but we have postponed until next week due to the weather. • Instead of school tours, we organised the End of year cheer- a few days of fun activities for each class. We had booked a pet farm but unfortunately, they cancelled on Wed evening so we are going to use the funds for the pet farm to purchase board games for each class. We will have a games day next week. • We have also planned a Splash day which is weather dependent. We will be doing a mini splash day in the Junior end, with a few more activities in the older classes. Children will be asked to send in a change of clothes. This is dependent on weather being warm. • We are creating our own Homework journal for next year, with a wellbeing slant, and an emphasis on organising. • A company called Lunch bag.ie has contacted the school re: introducing their service to our school. It is an opt in lunch service, which can be booked via an app before 12 on the previous day. It would allow parents to purchase a lunch (€1.80) which would be delivered to the school in the morning. There is also an option for staff to order salads, soups etc. After some research, the reviews are very positive and we propose starting on a trial basis for the last few weeks in June. Decision was made to check with PTA re this idea. • Ian is working on organising our art materials and buying in equipment to ensure that we can access the art curriculum fully. • Teresa and Joanne are creating folders for each class level with guidance for how each subject should be taught, and what should be covered. Much of this work is already done, but items are on the drive. We believe that a hard copy would be beneficial. • Parent survey will issue next week.



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