



Agreed Report of BOM Meeting 12th December 2023

Location: DLS School

Date: 12th December 2023

Time: 17.15

In attendance:

Clare Ryan, Br Martin, David O'Connor, Fiona Whelan Ryan, David Ennis, Liam O'Connor, Tracey Knox. Tom Bourke. Susan Phelan (Recording Secretary)

Apologies: Christopher Stephenson

- Prior to the meeting, members of the new Board of Management were brought on a tour of the school, including all amenities, classrooms, and grounds. The BOM extends gratitude to the members of staff who led the tour and to the teachers and students who were accommodating and allowed the BOM access to their classrooms.
- The meeting opened with Prayer.
- The Chairperson extended gratitude and best wishes to our Principal, Mr Mick Walsh, who is on sick leave, and to Mr Thomas Bourke, the new Acting Principal, and Ms Carolyn Ahearn, our new acting Deputy Principal.
- The minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by Fiona Whelan Ryan and David Ennis
- Following receipt of the DES Science Subject Inspection Report, it was noted that the Science department and the school management team would contribute to a response to be submitted by the Chairperson on behalf of the Board, within ten days. The BOM also commended teachers and pupils for their input and time in cooperating with the inspector.
- The NCSE has requested a fourth ASD Special Class. The Acting Principal agreed to contact the architects in relation to accommodating this within the plan to support the inclusion of all learners in the school.
- It was agreed that the Acting Principal would make an application through the Schools Photovoltaic Programme for installation of solar panels.



- The Board was updated on the school finances, following a Finance Sub-Committee Meeting. The Board agreed that an external person with a financial background would join the committee.
- The Acting Principal gave an update on the Child Protection Oversight Report.
- The BOM were given an overview of the Anti-Bullying Report by the Acting Principal, and ongoing work on this area will be addressed by the BOM and the school as a community.
- Presentation made to the Board by teachers Sinead Murphy and Emily Harrington on the TL21 initiative. The Board was impressed with the initiatives taking place and delighted to hear that there are seven teachers involved. All teachers involved in the project were thanked for their ongoing efforts.
- The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the BOM:
 - Harassment and Sexual Harassment Draft Policy 2023
 - JCSP Policy Draft 2023
 - SET and Inclusion Draft Policy 2023
 - Staff Anti-Bullying Draft Policy 2023
- The Acting Principal updated the BOM on Teaching and Learning initiatives, special events such as the School Christmas concert, sporting successes, social media and PR initiatives, and the crib/manger the woodwork department made for the Cathedral.
- Parents Association: The BOM recognises the importance of developing a strong and vibrant Parents Association, and the Acting Principal will contact the newly elected representatives of the PA to ensure that the Parents Association continues its great work and engagement with the school.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 24th January 2024 at 5.45 pm and the meeting concluded with a prayer.

Tom Bourke
Acting Secretary to the Board of Management