



Agreed Report of BOM meeting 8th November 2023

Location: DLS College.

Date: 08/11/23

Time: 17.45 hrs.

- The new Board of Management met for the first time. All were welcomed by the new Chairperson Clare Ryan and Principal, Mick Walsh and thanked sincerely for agreeing to serve on the Board. Members volunteer their time and the responsibilities associated with BOM are onerous. The contribution of each member is deeply appreciated. The following have been appointed to the Board of Management;

Clare Ryan: Chairperson

Br Martin: Trustee nominee

Christopher Stephenson: Trustee nominee

David O' Connor: Trustee nominee

Fiona Whelan Ryan: Parent nominee

David Ennis: Parent nominee

Liam O' Connor: Teacher nominee

Tracey Knox: Teacher nominee

The last Board was acknowledged and thanked for their contribution to De La Salle College.

- The meeting started with a prayer.
- Apologies were received from Tracey Knox and Christopher Stephenson.
- The minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded by the two previous Board members.

Strategic Plan: In keeping with the term of the new Board, members agreed to initiate the development of a Strategic Plan for the College. The Principal would invite all stakeholders to contribute to same.

- Learning and Teaching: The teachers, students and parents were commended on the recently published Junior Certificate results. Given the uncertainty and challenge of the last number of years, it is heartening to see a return to normality. The Board was very pleased to hear of the TL21 project which commenced this year. The Principal also noted that a Board of Studies would commence shortly. It was agreed that a period of each BOM meeting would be assigned to learning and teaching.
- Acknowledgement of supervised study to take place on Saturdays for students was welcomed.
- Subject Inspection: The Board wished the Science Department the very best in the upcoming subject inspection starting on the Tuesday 14th November.





- Finance: A new Finance Committee was established and it was agreed that the committee would meet a number of days in advance of each BOM meeting rather than the evening of the BOM meeting.
- Health and Safety: The Principal referred to a number of items in an update on Health and Safety. It was agreed that it was timely to conduct a formal Health and Safety audit of the College. An external company would be sourced to complete same.
- Ratification of Acting Deputy Principal: The appointment of the Acting Deputy Principal was ratified, and best wishes conveyed.
- Child Protection Policy update: The Child Protection Policy was updated to include Tom Bourke as DLP and Eileen Doolan as DDLP.
- Principal's report: As this was the inaugural meeting, much of the principal's report was addressed throughout the meeting in the form of updates to new members.
- BOM Training: Le Chéile BOM training took place on 24th October. ASTI training has taken place for staff nominees and JMB training for BOM takes places in a number of venues over the coming weeks. The Principal will reserve places for members.
- Next BOM meeting: Dates for the next two BOM meetings were agreed as:
 - 14th December 2023 - This meeting will commence at 3pm with a tour of the college.
 - 24th January 2024 at 5.45pm
- The Principal was requested to explore the possibility of appointing a recording secretary to the BOM. This will facilitate full participation by all members and especially the Principal.
- Board members introduced themselves, outlined their respective contexts and their commitment to supporting the work of De La Salle College as members of the new BOM. The Chairperson again thanked each member of the Board and reiterated the Board's commitment to working together for the best outcomes for each member of the DLS school community.
- There being no other business, the meeting concluded with a prayer.

