

Agreed Report of Board of Management Meeting – Scoil Bhríde Eglantine **13/9/2021**

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

Apologies: Humphrey Moynihan

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and seconded. Any matters arising will be dealt with under Principal's report.

Correspondence: A letter from the Cork School of Music Suzuki programme was received by the chairperson requesting that Music lessons would resume in the school. It was decided that all extra-curricular activities would not resume until further guidelines were issued by the DES.

Board of Management Annual Report

The Board of Management Annual Report was circulated to members of the Board in advance of the meeting. It included an account of the online teaching and learning facilitated by the school during the last lockdown. The History policy of the school will continue to be reviewed this year. This report will be emailed to all parents

Child Protection Overview Report

There were no matters to report in this regard.

Admissions/Enrolment

Offers of school places for September 2022 will be issued on October 23rd. There will be a period of 21 days within which parents can respond.

Treasurer's Report

The Principal read the Treasurer's Report which discussed the school accounts. The accounts will be forwarded to an external accountant and will be available for review by the Board on or before the date of the November Board meeting.

Principal's Report

The Principal gave an account of the work done in the school over the summer holidays. The Junior Infant rooms were refloored and painted and new storage units were installed. The PE hall was refloored and work was carried out on trees in the school grounds.

We have 52 pupils in the Junior Infant classes and six new pupils in other classes. We now have a total of 461 pupils which is 9 pupils short of the retention figure for the staff. It was agreed that work would have to be done on strategies to increase enrolment going forward. These strategies will be discussed at the November Board meeting.

A review by the school's Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO) is to take place in October. It will involve 2 separate reviews of SNA allocation, in Aoibhneas (Special Class) and in the mainstream setting.

The Modern Languages support programme will commence in 4th class.

Curriculum Development: The Gaeilge Teanga Ó Bhéal policy is currently under review and should be completed by the end of October.

Covid health and safety guidelines are still in operation in the school. Provision will be made for children who are absent from school due to Covid in that parents will be informed of the ongoing work in the classroom.

3 Confirmation ceremonies and 2 Communion ceremonies will take place during the month of September.

A discussion took place about the 4 school gates and how this system is operating. A few exceptions have been made where parents have requested changes to the gate used by their daughters.

Teacher Leave

The school policy regarding Teacher Leave will be reviewed by a subcommittee and ratified at the November Board meeting.

The appointment of a teacher to cover an upcoming Maternity Leave will be advertised. This leave is to commence at the beginning of December.

The next Board meeting will take place on Monday 1st November at 7 p.m.

Signed _____ (Chairperson)

Date _____