

Minutes from the meetings of September 19th and November 14th were accepted. The **agenda** for this meeting was adopted.

Principal's Report:

- **The Board was updated on recent student activities including themed weeks** (Science Week, Literacy Week, College Awareness Week) and **Sports** (Girls' & boys' volleyball, boys' basketball, Connaught Athletics, 1st Year soccer).
- **Other calendar highlights were shared with the Board**, including first whole-school musical, *Back to the 80s*, BT Young Scientist and the trip to Berlin for Senior students.
- A range of **student workshops** have taken place, including 2nd Year Internet Safety, TY BodyKind, and Active Consent.
- **Parent Events:** 1st, 2nd & 3rd Year PTSMs have taken place. The TY parents' evening is scheduled for February 8th and will involve information on options and senior subjects. 5th Year parents are also welcome to attend this event to meet with representatives from 3rd level institutions. The 5th Year PTSM will take place in March. Talks on Active Consent and Internet Safety talk have also taken place for parents.
- **Our PGC Community had a meeting in January.** A new Chair has not yet been elected. Kim Cunningham-Moorát will act as interim Chair.
- A **Sustainable Fashion Event** will take place on Saturday March 2nd. This is a joint venture between the PGC and the TY students.
- Student associate Board members shared their experience of the recent **whole-school PBL on Inclusion & Belonging**. This feeds into our wider body of work around School of Sanctuary, promoting inclusion and celebrating diversity. The school is aiming for School of Sanctuary accreditation this year.
- The Board was updated on **staff CPD**.

Teaching and Learning:

- An update was provided on our current **SSE** strand. We are continuing to focus on using RP to enhance relationships and, by extension, teaching and learning. The work of the Ubuntu Team is ongoing. Our SSE focus is around ensuring that RP is more explicit in lessons and planning.
- Our **JC Mock exams** concluded last Friday.
- **Assessment Week** for non-exam years takes place this week and results, feedback and reports will be issued in the coming weeks.
- The Board was updated on our recent Science Inspection. The report has not yet issued.

1. Posts of Responsibility

The Board of Management agreed a list of roles and responsibilities for the school's middle leadership and management structure. The roles and responsibilities are based on a distributed leadership model, where all the Assistant Principals work in collaboration with the Principal and Deputy Principal and have shared responsibility, commensurate with the level of the post (API or APII), for areas set out in the Quality Framework for Leadership and Management in Irish Schools, *Looking at Our Schools 2022*, to meet the current needs and priorities of the school.

The Board decided that the Assistant Principals in fulfilling their roles are required to:

- a. Support best practice as set out in *Looking at Our Schools 2022*, the leadership and management structure in the school, and those charged with its implementation, and the principle of flexibility in the assignment of roles and responsibilities.
- b. Support and promote the school ethos, high quality in student care, learning and teaching, and the development of student voice, participation, and leadership.
- c. Collaborate with colleagues in ongoing review and critique of school policies in line with SSE principles, and in promoting a culture of professional responsibility and accountability.

Other Updates:

- Our admissions process for 2024-2025 continues, and we are still making offers.
- We have no further updates on our permanent accommodation. The Board is working to get further clarity around this.
- Child Protection Oversight Report was completed.
- Anti-bullying report was completed.
- Details of the Cineáltas Action Plan for Bullying were shared with the Board.
- The financial reports will be reviewed by the Finance Sub-committee at a subsequent meeting. The sub-committee will report back to the Board in advance of the next meeting.

Next Board of Management meeting is scheduled for March 12th.