

Board Meeting Agreed Report – May 7th, 2024

The Minutes from the meeting of March 12th were accepted and the agenda for this meeting was adopted.

Principal's Report:

School Activities & Events:

- The Board was updated on recent whole-school themed events including Mental Health Awareness Week, RP Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Neurodiversity Celebration Week and Wear Red Anti-Racism Day.
- The Board was also updated on recent student activities including the outgoing Spanish exchange, MUN (Model United Nations), our success in the recent national volleyball tournament and ET Debating Championship, and the recent presentation of Junior Cycle Profiles of Achievement to our Junior Cycle 2023 cohort.
- The Board was updated on recent TY activities and events including work experience and community placements, the recent Field Studies trip, consent workshops and mental health workshops with Jigsaw. Upcoming TY events were also highlighted including assessment and Festival of Learning.

PGC Update:

- The final meeting of the PGC committee took place 24/4/24.
- Jana Aleksic is the new chair of the PGC. Claire Hillary, outgoing committee Chair, was thanked for her contribution to the committee.
- The Board was updated on the outcome of the review of the recent Sustainable Fashion Event.
- The Board was briefed on a Bereavement Plan that was discussed at the recent meeting.

Student Council Update

- Student Board affiliate members updated the Board on the following:
 - changes to the operations of the Student Council
 - a new joint sustainability initiative between students and parents/guardians, in collaboration with the Green Team to reduce disposable cups in the school
 - the recent student consultation around the review of the Anti-Bullying Policy
 - new arrangements for 3rd Years to be allowed off the premises on two days per week.

Staff CPD

- The Board was updated on recent subject specific staff CPD, as well as CPD in the areas of SEN/AEN, Student Wellbeing and Leadership and Management.

Teaching and Learning:

SSE Update:

- The Board was updated on ongoing work in this area. We are currently reviewing our current strand – Using RP to Enhance Teaching & Learning – and at the data-gathering stage in the identification of areas of focus for the next academic year.

GCE & School of Sanctuary:

- The Board was updated on a recent visit of Sara Hakim from School of Sanctuary. We are on track to proceed to the monitoring stage of the process, and hope to complete our application for School of Sanctuary status in autumn, 2024.
- The Board was updated on our recent award of the Green Flag for Water and the Green Team was commended for its work in this area. We have also been awarded our WorldWide Global Schools Special Passport.

Other Updates:

- Our admissions process for 2024-2025 is ongoing and final offers are being made.
- Works are expected to begin on the adjacent building to facilitate increased intake for the coming academic year. The Board was updated on recent correspondence with the Department of Education and the Patron in relation to our permanent accommodation. Some progress is being made and the project is due to move towards the planning stages.
- The Board discussed correspondence that had been received and associated actions.
- Motions for the upcoming ET ATM were discussed. The Chair of the Board, Brian Hughes will attend as Voting Delegate, on behalf of the Board.
- Child Protection Oversight Report was completed.
- Anti-bullying Oversight Report was completed.
- A review of the Anti-bullying Policy took place, following consultation with parents, students and staff. The policy was approved and ratified by the Board.
- The financial accounts were reviewed and signed off by the Finance Sub-Committee. The budget for 2024-2025 was approved.

Next Board of Management meeting is scheduled for June 4^h.