

## Agreed Report Board Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

1. **Minutes** from last meeting reviewed. **Agenda** for this meeting was accepted.
2. **Correspondence:** Details of the Educate Together AGM were shared, along with deadlines for Board nominations and submission of policy motions. Attendance of delegates from our Board will be confirmed at a subsequent meeting.
3. **Student affiliate Board members**, Milo and Matthew Williams, were welcomed to the Board and thanked for committing their time to the Board.
4. **Principal's Report:**
  - A unexpectedly large volume of 6th class students and their parents attended our very successful Open Night.
  - Information Evenings have taken place for all year group parents/guardians.
  - Parents workshops also took place in the area of School of Sanctuary, Teaching and Learning in GETSS and were open to all parents/guardians. The PGC gave details of their community café on the evening.
  - The PGC AGM also took place.
  - Work is ongoing in the area of School of Sanctuary.
  - A visit from the DE Inspectorate took place as part of the Department's research into Nurture programmes in action. An Inspector and a NEPS psychologist met with students, parents, Nurture teachers and management. It was a successful visit and they were very supportive of what we are doing in this area.
  - A health and safety inspection was carried out by the HSA, who reviewed risk assessments, our safety statement and other safety documentation.
  - 21 students from near Bilbao took part in our Spanish exchange in October. Our students will make a return trip to Spain in April.
  - A list of student activities was shared with the Board including recent games in basketball, soccer, and volleyball, as well as college open days, theatre and gallery trips and consent workshops.
  - The Board was updated on recent staff CPD.
  - Our student affiliate Board members shared details of the recent Student Council elections and the work of the Council.
  - They gave an update on Comhairle na nÓg, where two students represented GETSS.
  - The Board was also updated on Maths Week, Stand-Up Week and Black History Month activities as well as our Halloween celebrations.
5. **Teaching and Learning:**
  - The Board congratulated our Junior Cert students who received their state examination results in October. JCPAs will arrive at a later date, which will focus on a more holistic picture of student achievement.

- An update was provided on our current SSE strand and the School Improvement Plan, which has now been completed. 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.
- Assessment Week takes place this week and results, feedback and reports will issue in the coming weeks.

#### **6. Other Updates:**

- Our admissions process for 2024-2025 is underway and offers have been made.
- We have no further updates on our permanent accommodation. The Board is working to get further clarity around this.
- The Needs & Priorities were reviewed by the Board, as part of the ongoing review of the school's middle management structure review.
- Child Protection Oversight Report was completed.
- Anti-bullying report was completed.
- The financial reports were recommended to the Board by the Finance Sub-committee.

**Next Board of Management meeting is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>.**