

Board Meeting Agreed Report – March 11th, 2025

The Minutes from the meeting of February 4th were accepted and the agenda for this meeting was adopted.

Principal's Report:

School Activities & Events

- The Board was updated on recent **student activities**, including participation in the PISA survey, SciFest, World Book Day and whole-school Project-Based Learning in the area of Wellbeing. The Board was also updated on recent TY activities.
- The School was recently awarded the Gaelbhrtach – an award for our integration and promotion of the Irish language into school life.

Staff CPD

- The Board was updated on recent subject-specific CPD, as well as CPD in the areas of SEN, leadership and GCE.

PGC Update

- The PGC are currently working on a GETSS cookbook. All members of the GETSS community are invited to submit a recipe. Communication about this has been sent out to all families.

Student Council Update

- The student council members updated the Board on the work of the council in the following areas:
 - Ongoing discussions around updating the Senior Cycle lunch space to include a microwave and kettle
 - The success of the recent addition of a graffiti wall – they noted that the level of graffiti in the bathrooms has reduced to zero since its implementation
 - Healthy lifestyle policy - whole-school PBL captured student voice in relation to this
 - The Council's review of the Mock exams – suggestions were made for consideration when planning Mocks and House exams going forward.
- The Student Council was thanked for its ongoing work.

Teaching and Learning:

- The work of the Teaching and Learning Team is ongoing, with a focus on the reviewing OneNotes. This work is at the data-gathering phase, with student surveys and focus groups currently taking place.
- An application for Erasmus+ funding has been applied for, which will make exchanges more accessible, as well as providing rich opportunities for staff CPD abroad.
- Senior Cycle Options were discussed. The impact of school resource allocation and our capped numbers was also discussed.
- GCE: We are currently involved in project with UG called Global Education Time. Students in our Negotiated Learning Short Course will also be presenting UL in the coming weeks.

Other Updates:

- The refurbishment of the bathrooms continues with only one block left to complete.
- The replacement of classroom LED lights has taken place.
- Work is ongoing to address WIFI concerns.
- New doors are being fitted this week to the staffroom entrance, one of the exits to the car park, the exit from the staffroom to the yard, the external door near LS11 and the school's main door.
- There are no further updates on our permanent accommodation in Garraun at present.
- The Child Protection Oversight Report was completed. The Anti-bullying oversight report was completed.

Next Board of Management meeting is scheduled for April 29th, 2025