



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

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Agreed Report of the Board of Management Meeting, Thursday 26th October, 2017.

An ordinary meeting of the Board of Management took place in St. Mary's College on October 26th at 6.30pm. Present were Sabine Walsh (Chair), Siobhan Reidy, Dominika Manulak, Sr. Loreto Hogge, Ben Lynch, Andrew Bolas, Anthony Carty (Secretary).

1. Welcome & Prayer.

The meeting opened with a welcome and a prayer.

2. Apologies.

Eddie Kenneally.

3. Minutes.

The minutes were distributed and reviewed and agreed. They were proposed by Loreto Hogge and seconded by Dominika Manulak.

4. Matters Arising.

No matters arising. Will be addressed later in the meeting under other headings.

5. Correspondence

Items of correspondence were discussed by the BOM.

6. Finance Report

An FSC meeting occurred at 6:00pm on 26th October. The October returns have been completed. There are currently 168 students enrolled. Four of them are short term. There are 164 actual students for capitation purposes. Since the October returns have been completed four new students have enrolled and will be starting after midterm break. The budget was based on 180 students. Discussed Fundraising. There is a need to fundraise for specific or good causes. No new treasurer has been appointed yet.

7. School Development and Planning.

- School visits occurred involving the Principal, Michael Horkan and students. A total of 17 national schools were visited. Brochures were also presented on the visits.
- On the 4th and 5th October the taster evenings occurred. A mini style timetable was created for the incoming students. Over 50 students attended.
- The opening evening occurred on the 24th October. The focus was on all year groups and not just incoming first year students. People from the community were invited.
- The Principal attended a meeting hosted by Ballysadare Community Council.
- The Board thanked the staff and students for all their hard work around preparation for the open evening.

8. Principal's Report.

- a) Student numbers update.
- b) Suspensions.
- c) School Newsletter Will be completed by mid-term break.
- d) Student Council. The Principal and Shane Kennedy conducted interviews over several days to elect committee.
- e) School mass was held on the 22nd September.
- f) Assemblies. Whole school assemblies occur once a week. A schedule has been drawn up until the end of the year.
- g) Mentors. Inauguration service for mentors has occurred. Activities are ongoing.
- h) Sport Soccer blitz organised for before mid-term break. GAA games on going. Girls active. There is a need to get a sports committee formed.



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- i) Parents Association Meeting has occurred. Considering other events. Suggestions include, careers evening, mock interviews (possibly December), fair in the school.
- j) Transition Year Ongoing events. – Lough Key, Cyber Bullying, Music Generation.
- k) Outside Agencies using the school facilities. The procedures for this were discussed.
- l) School Closure. The school was closed on Monday and Tuesday 16th and 17th October due to storms.

8. Review of Policies.

Code of Behaviour needs to be examined. Need for clarity around the area of who does what and when. The Principal asked the Board would they allow him to clarify some areas within the existing Code of Behaviour. A more detail review would be carried out in Spring 2018.

9. Anti-Bullying Report.

No issue to report.

10. Child protection.

No issue to report.

11. Agreed Report.

12. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the BOM will be on Thursday 23rd November at 6:30pm. The finance sub-committee group will meet at 6:00pm.