

Agreed Minutes of Board of Management meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September 2024

Minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting were circulated to members and adopted.

Matters arising:

The Secretary extended condolences to Maura Murray on the death of her brother in law Frank. May he Rest in Peace.

Election of Chairperson:

The Secretary informed the Board that a Chairperson had to be elected at the first meeting.

Kevin Duffy was elected.

Child Protection/Child Safeguarding Statement

No issues to report at this time.

Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment reviewed and updated at this meeting.

Anti-Bullying Report:

Nothing to Report

Report from Financial Sub Committee:

Sub Committee Financial Report to BOM meeting 18th September 2024

A financial report was presented for May, June and July to the Board.

Report from Sub Committee: Following consultation with stakeholders Strategic Action Plan devised, approved and circulated. May/September.

Kevin Duffy and Lorraine Kennedy agreed to stay on sub-committee. Secretary will look at possible members from outside.

School Policies: Polices for re ratification (no changes made)

Data Retention/Protection/Admissions /Anti-Bullying/Policy for re ratification- changes made in line with Circular 0036/2023/Child Safeguarding statement /Annual Admissions Notice

SSE Report from Co-ordinator 2023-24 - Discussed

BOM Report MBC September 2024 - Discussed

Principal's Matters:

School Inspection: The Principal stated a MLL follow up inspection took place. The follow up inspection related specifically to the six recommendations of our MLL report from March 2023, and we received an overall “making very good progress” in respect of these, which is the highest mark achievable. This was a great result for the school. Tom thanked everyone involved.

Leaving Certificate Results:

The results were excellent. Tom thanked the staff for all their hard work and commitment to our students. Parents so appreciative of all the school did for their children saying that they get every opportunity to excel in MCS and to reach their full potential. Congratulation to our student Katie Molloy who was awarded Ad Astra in UCD.

Pupil Numbers:

The secretary informed board that we have a total 911 students enrolled in the school.

New Staff: Tom welcomed new staff members to the school - Alison Madden, Eimear Broderick, Ciaran Fitzgerald, Hannah Fox, Victoria Groome, Laura Lennon, Finian Tighe, He wished them well in their positions and he looked forward to working with them.

Deputy Principal:

Tom congratulated Fidelma on her new position. He wished Fidelma the very best and that he looked forward to working with her.

He also congratulated Orlaith Ward on her new position as an AP 1 – Orlaith has taken up her duties as 6th Year Yearhead. Tom looks forward to working with her.

Annual Report:

The Secretary presented the Annual Report for the last academic year. This document outlines various events that took place over the school year 2023/2024.

Summer Works: Minor repairs continued during the summer and some painting work also undertaken. Tom thanked Brian, Diarmuid and Cian (Student) for all the work carried out. School books – the new system is up and running and is proving to be very successful where all books are scanned. Following the announcement from the Minister of Education that all junior students in secondary schools would receive all text books, stationary etc, free from the school for the school year 24/25 left an enormous amount of work to be undertaken.

Lourdes Trip: The students who were successful following interview last school year we leave for Lourdes on Wednesday 25th September and returned home on Monday 30th September. They will represent us admirably on the Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage.

CAT 4 Assessments for all first- year students will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2024.

1st Year Bonding Trip: A first year Bonding trip took place for 1st on Friday 6th September to Emerald Park. 1st Year Sports Day took place on Thursday 12th. This was a great day for all and the following were awarded Sports Scholarship: Freya Shine, Kate Corcoran, Billy Malone, Paudie Molloy.

Information Evening: First year Information Evening took place on Tuesday evening 17th September 24 at 7.30 p.m.

School Musical: The Principal informed the Board that rehearsals for the upcoming Musical ‘All Shook Up’ were going very well. The musical will take place from Tuesday, 22nd October 2024 – 25th. Music

New Building Update: Nothing new to report.

Parents Association: New phone initiative – a system of phone pouches has been introduced and is working very effectively. This initiative is supported by parents, staff and students.

Bereavements – Jenny, Tommy & Chloe O’Meara on the passing of their dad Thomas

Alistair Fagan on the death of their father Darren

Next Meetings:

- Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 6.30 pm.