

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 11th March 2013: report to families and staff

Attendees: Karen Loughran (Chairperson,) Raymond Swan (Secretary,) Colin Webb (Treasurer,) Sarah Anderson, Tracy Smith, Deirdre Flynn, Angie Dooley

Apologies: Allen Holman

1. Minutes from January meeting adopted, (Angie Dooley, Colin Webb)
Matters arising:
 - o *appointment of part-time Resource Teacher*
Report to families and staff was agreed. Secretary to post on school website and Board mailbox.
2. **Treasurer's Report** (Reconciled balances – bank statement 8/2/2013)
Current account €
Deposit account €
Book savings account €
3. **Principal's report**

Possible DES-funded preschool for children with autism at Gorey ETNS (from August 2013)

- o Additional autism unit for north-Wexford due to open at a local primary school (September 2013)
- o Nationally, 43 primary schools with pre-schools for autism
- o 'A child can take up a place in this class on/after his/her third birthday. The upper age limit for inclusion in the *Early Intervention Class* is five. (A child cannot be six during the school year.)'
- o Rationale: ...
- o Outline: ...
- o Enrolment: A stand-alone enrolment policy would need to be developed. Aim: 'prepare child for entry to his/her local mainstream school... No guarantee of a place in this school (mainstream or special classes.)'
- o Consultation: ...
- o Clarifications: ...

Projected Enrolment 2013-2014

Probable outcome: fourteen mainstream classes (up from the current 13.)

School Calendar 2013-2014

This will be uploaded to the school website in the coming days

'One Day Together'

Donations buckets will be in place at school disco, (or a % of the proceeds will be forwarded to Educate Together)

4. **Staffing**
5. **Road Safety Improvement: response from John Hegarty, County Councillor**
The Board considered John's email re: proposed improvements along the Carnew Road (and the junction with Kilnahue Lane)
Application for Grant Aid would need to be submitted by a Residents' Association
Principal to make the following aware of this correspondence: Residents' Association at The Lask, Doyle's Garage and Gorey Gaelscoil
6. **Child Protection**

The Principal reported to the Board in accordance with Department of Education and Skills Child Protection Circular 0065/2011.

7. PTA link

Tracy Smith provided an account of the main activities of the PTA committee, including: donation of €5,830 to the school; school disco; after-school activities; and the possible purchase of musical instruments for use by pupils

8. AOB

The Board noted that a *Mediation in Education* service can now be accessed via Co. Wexford Education Centre, Enniscorthy

Educate Together (National) AGM: May 2013, Swords ETNS, Co. Dublin See educatetogether.ie
School to register for Relevant Contracts Tax (RCT)

Date of next meeting: Monday 15th April 2013, 8pm at the school