

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 3rd December 2012: report to families and staff

Attendees: Karen Loughran (Chairperson,) Raymond Swan (Secretary,) Sarah Anderson, Tracy Smith, Allen Holman, Deirdre Flynn, Angie Dooley

Apologies: -

1. Minutes from November meeting adopted, (Angie Dooley, Allen Holman)

Matters arising:

- *Administration of Medicines Policy was reviewed. No amendments.*
- *New Career Break Policy was verified.*

Report to families and staff was agreed. Secretary to post on school website and Board mailbox.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was deferred, (as new bank statement was not yet available.)

Board reviewed certified accounts 2010-2011. Recommendation made to seek possible savings regarding photocopying costs (use more notebooks, textbooks, etc.) and heating costs (adjust thermostats and/or timer.)

3. **Principal's Report**

Parent-teacher meetings were very well attended. New supervision arrangement in school library worked well.

Recent very positive experiences for our older pupils: *Intel Mini-Scientist* exhibition and Futsal tournament.

A visit to long-established autism classes at St. Patrick's Special School, Enniscorthy was arranged for 4 staff working with our special classes.

Board agreed to again offer vaccinations to staff members involved in pupils' intimate care needs.

Board agreed to fund basic First Aid course for staff. To be delivered late January/early February.

4. **Special Education**

5. **Child Protection**

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

6. **PTA link**

Tracy Smith provided an account of the main activities of the PTA committee, including parents as Class Representatives and arrangements for the School Disco.

Organising a joint meeting of the School Council and the PTA Committee was suggested.

7. **AOB**

School to host PTA Winter Raffle, local 'Two-Cans' Food Appeal and (national) Toy Appeal during December.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 23rd January 2013, 8pm at the school