

# Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012: report to families and staff

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

**Apologies:** Colin Webb (Treasurer)

1. The Chairperson welcomed Angie Dooley to the Board as a Community Representative
2. Minutes from June meeting adopted, (Tracy Smith, Karen Loughran)  
Minutes from September meeting adopted, (Deirdre Flynn, Tracy Smith)  
*Matters arising:*
  - *Certificate in Ethical and Multi-Denominational Education: the two teachers who had expressed an interest in undertaking this course are unable to participate at this time*
  - *Roles for Board members: Liaison with E.T. National Office (info. regarding national events, etc.) – Deirdre Flynn agreed to take on this role*
  - Reports to families and staff were agreed. Secretary to post on school website and Board mailbox.
3. **Treasurer's Report**  
*Reported by Secretary*  
Current account  
Book savings account  
Reserve account  
Recent biannual appeal for Voluntary Contributions
4. **Staffing**  
Teacher recruitment: substitute teacher appointed, (covering maternity leave)  
Extended contracts for two teachers  
Additional after-school supervisor/activity leader hired
5. **Principal's Report**
  - The principal reported Aggregated Assessment Data (2011-2012) to the Board, in keeping with Circulars 56/2011 (National Literacy and Numeracy Strategy) and 18/2012 (Standardised Testing.) Micra-T (Reading Attainment) and Sigma-T (Maths Attainment) scores were discussed.
  - Suspensions (as per Code of Behaviour)
6. The Board agreed a policy on Career Breaks for Teachers and Special Needs Assistants, as follows: all principles and procedures outlined in Circulars 10/2011 and 22/2012 will be adhered to. Additionally, in years where it may be necessary to apply a limit to the number of teaching and/or SNA staff availing of the Career Break scheme, the Board will prioritise staff using the following criteria: the staff member's length of service at this and/or other schools; previous career breaks that the staff member may have availed of at this and/or other schools.
7. **Child Protection**  
**The Principal reported to the Board in accordance with Department of Education and Skills Child Protection Circular 0065/2011.**
8. **PTA link**  
Tracy Smith provided an account of the PTA AGM and the PTA's new Facebook page.
9. **AOB**

Road safety:

- Secretary to draft letter to local Co. Council Roads' Engineer to outline concerns regarding the pedestrian crossing on the Carnew Road and also the junction of Kilnahue Lane & Carnew Road. (Engineer to be invited to meet with Board members.)
- Parking on school grounds: moving some staff parking to the area near the pedestrian gate is to be trialled.

Electricity supply: Allen Holman to follow up with tendering company regarding rates

Educate Together ethos conference: see [www.educatetogether.ie](http://www.educatetogether.ie)

**Date of next meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012, 8pm at the school**