

# Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014: report to families and staff

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**Attendees:** Karen Loughran (Chairperson,) Raymond Swan (Secretary,) Colin Webb (Treasurer,) Tracy Smith, Aideen O'Donnell

**Apologies:** Allen Holman, Angie Dooley, Sarah Anderson

1. Minutes from previous meeting adopted, (Colin Webb, Tracy Smith)  
*Matters arising:*  
*Policy on Job Sharing for Teachers was circulated*  
*Correction: Chairperson (rather than Treasurer) to be added as cheque signatory*  
Report to families and staff was agreed. Secretary to post on school website and Board mailbox.
2. **Treasurer's Report**  
Finalised school accounts 2013-2014 now in place, certified by Eugene Doyle & Co., Enniscorthy.  
Board secretary to circulate appeal letter to families re: Voluntary Contributions.
3. **Staffing**  
Board approved one-year Career Break extensions.
4. **Principal's Report**  
Preparations/planning for July Programme for Children with Autism now underway. DES's insistence re: maximum class sizes ('SERC allocations') to be adhered to this year.  
Proposals/ideas re: '10 years of Gorey Educate Together NS' will be gathered from families and staff at the beginning of the summer term.
5. **Child Protection**  
**The Principal reported to the Board in accordance with Department of Education and Skills Child Protection Circular 0065/2011.**
6. **Health & Safety**
7. **Anti-Bullying Procedures**  
The Board agreed that added attention should be given to cyber and identity-based bullying, in line with the new DES procedures. Board secretary to draft Policy in line with DES template and to circulate to members in advance of April meeting.
8. **PTA link**  
Tracy Smith reported on changes in the make-up of the PTA committee and on the recent school disco. Additions to PTA section of school website were highlighted, as was the purchase of a built-in storage unit for the PTA room.  
Discussion re: fundraising followed.
9. **AOB:**  
Donation of €250 to Educate Together's 'One Day Together' fundraiser was agreed.  
Visit for 6<sup>th</sup> class to Gorey Town Council's meeting rooms to be organised for late April/early May (Colin Webb/Raymond Swan.)  
Hire of premises (summer camp) agreed.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 8pm at the school**