

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 12th January 2015: report to families and staff

Attendees: Karen Loughran (Chairperson,) Raymond Swan (Secretary,) Colin Webb (Treasurer,) Louise Redmond, Angie Dooley, Allen Holman, Sarah Anderson

Apologies: Mary Thompstone Crean

1. Minutes from previous meetings adopted, (Colin Webb, Allen Holman)

Matters arising:

Online banking: treasurer & principal inducted by Michael Dillon, AIB, 15th December

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

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Current account:	€
School books account:	€
Savings account:	€
Credit Card:	(€)
Cash Box:	€
Other coin:	€

Board agreed to subscribe to *Big Red Cloud* and to accountant's set-up/training package.

Online payments by parents (via *Aladdin Schools*): deferred, due to low registration. Parents informed via newsletter. Next attempt: summer term 2015. School to register for a *PayPal* account.

3. **Staffing**

Board gave approval to a staff member to undertake an academic study within the school.

4. **Principal's Report**

'10th Anniversary Expo:' planning continues, in liaison with staff and the PTA. Paul Rowe, Educate Together CEO, to be invited to attend.

School Self-Evaluation (Numeracy): Board gave approval for the development of the self-evaluation report into a School Improvement Plan.

5. **Building Works**

Architect's timeline for the completion of building works was distributed to Board members.

6. **Child Protection**

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

7. **Anti-Bullying Summary Report**

The Principal reported to the Board in accordance with Department of Education and Skills Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, 2013.

8. **Policy Development/Ratification**

General school policies checklist/audit: this agenda item was deferred. Sarah Anderson has circulated various Policy Prompts to Chairperson and Principal.

9. **PTA link**

Joint meeting of PTA committee and Board of Management to be scheduled for summer term 2015. Chairpersons to liaise.

10. **AOB:**

Board approved summer hire of school premises.

Date of next Board meeting:

Monday 9th February 2015, 8pm at the school