

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 18th May 2015: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: Angie Dooley

Expression of Sympathy: The Board extends sympathy to Angie Dooley, following a family bereavement.

1. Minutes from previous meeting adopted, (Sarah Anderson, Louise Redmond)

Matters arising:

Building Project: Tendering period will close on May 25th.

HACCP-related Food Preparation Guidelines: Louise Redmond circulated these guidelines to staff and posted notices in PTA kitchen.

School Self-Evaluation: SPHE questionnaire for parents is now available online. 60 responses to date.

Online Banking

Garda Vetting

Educate Together Head Office was informed that Karen Loughran and Sarah Anderson happy to remain in roles for Board of Management 2015-2019.

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

2. **Treasurer's Report** Reconciled 30th April 2015

Current account: €

School books account: €

Savings account: €

Credit Card: (€)

3. **Principal's report**

Class groupings for new school year.

School-based July Programme for children with autism.

Use of playing field at Creagh College.

School's annual Diversity Week: May 25th – 29th. Theme 2015: Gender Equality.

4. **Staffing**

5. **Child Protection**

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

6. **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.

7. **Policy Development**

Board reviewed and amended Homework Policy. Policy to be circulated to parents via newsletter – input/feedback to be sought, (e.g. what specific homework tips/tools would be useful to parents?) [Amendments: mention *ClassDojo* as a communication option; mention optional Homework Club.]

8. **PTA link**

(Next PTA meeting: May 20th.)

9. **AOB:**

Traffic survey to take place outside the school, (in conjunction with proposed building development work in the local area.)

Loose Horses: Council to be contacted if horses reappear.

Date of next Board meeting:

Monday 15th June 2015, 8pm at the school