

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 8th October 2014: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: -

1. Minutes from previous meeting adopted, (Angie Dooley, Sarah Anderson)
Report to families and staff was agreed. Secretary to post on school website and Board mailbox.

2. **Treasurer's Report** (all account balances reconciled 5th September 2014)

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

Draft accounts 2013-2014, from Eugene Doyle & Co., Enniscorthy were presented.

3. **Principal's Report**

412 pupils enrolled on 30th September 2014. (A minimum enrolment of 399 pupils was required for staffing purposes.) Enrolment breakdown: 54.4% boys, 45.6% girls. (Mainstream classes only: 52.5% boys, 47.5% girls.) 14 out of 15 mainstream classes have at least 10 girls enrolled. Largest class is 6th class, (32 pupils.) Smallest classes are 1st classes x 3, (18/19 pupils each.)

Facilities: recent changes/improvements were mentioned – additional mainstream classroom was made ready; revamped library; relocated staffroom; new photocopiers/printers x 2; additional curriculum resources.

Additional accommodation: DES will provide € grant aid to the school to provide one additional Special Class classroom, plus a staffroom extension. DES's suggested layout was presented to the Board. 3 tenders by architects being assessed by the Principal at present, in line with DES guidelines. Chairperson and Principal to proceed with appointment of Architect. All documentation to be kept on file at the school.

4. **Child Protection**

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

5. **Policy Development/Ratification**

The following policies were ratified by the Board: updated enrolment policy, updated attendance strategy, new data protection policy and new policy on Staff Meetings.

6. **PTA link**

Forthcoming AGM was mentioned, (along with election of second Parent Rep. to BoM.) School to arrange flowers for Siobhan Smyth, outgoing Chairperson of PTA.

7. **AOB:**

Board agreed to contract *South East Security* for key-holding/night-time alarm response. Principal will present Anti-Bullying Summary Report at future Board meetings, in-line with new Department of Education & Skills procedures.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th November 2014, 8pm at the school