

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 9th February 2015: report to families & staff

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

Apologies: -

1. Minutes from previous meeting adopted, (Colin Webb, Sarah Anderson)
Report to families and staff was agreed. Secretary to post on school website and Board mailbox.
2. **Treasurer's Report** Reconciled 9th February 2015
Current account: €
School books account: €
Savings account: €
Credit Card: €
3. **Staffing**
4. **Principal's Report**
10th Anniversary Expo: open invitations were circulated via email and via school newsletter; event also to be listed in *Gorey Guardian* and *Gorey Echo* newspapers.
School Self-Evaluation: school improvement plan for numeracy was circulated to members.
School Calendar 2015 – 2016 was mentioned. First day of school: Tuesday 1st September. Full calendar to follow in coming weeks, following input by school staff.
School Self-Evaluation: work regarding the school's Social, Personal & Health Education Curriculum is now underway. Initial draft of possible Parent Questionnaire was distributed to members. (A redrafted questionnaire may be piloted, before distribution to the wider parent body.)
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**
Review of usage of *Croke Park Hours*: ref Circular 0052/2014. Board agreed that the five hours referred to in this circular can be offset by teachers against their participation in evening & weekend courses provided by Wexford Education Centre and/or relevant third-level/post-graduate programmes.
Principal to bring draft Homework Policy to next Board meeting.
8. **PTA link**
PTA's 'Monster Raffle' was mentioned, along with PTA support for the school's 10th Anniversary events.
9. **AOB:**
Mary Thompstone Crean distributed HACCP (Food Safety Management System) info pack to members. Although the school isn't a 'food business' (ref: Food Safety Legislation), the Board agreed that a basic food safety checklist (based on the principles of HACCP) should be implemented by school staff.

Date of next Board meeting:

Monday 9th March 2015, 8pm at the school