

# Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015: report to families and staff

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**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, Louise Redmond)  
*Matters arising:*  
*Building Project: Planning permission granted by Wexford County Council 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Decision from DES re: supplementary funding is due in coming days.*  
*HACCP-related Food Safety checklist is being developed by Louise Redmond (in advance of next Board meeting.)*  
Report to families and staff was agreed. Secretary to post on school website and Board mailbox.
2. **Treasurer's Report** Reconciled 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
Current account: €  
School books account: €  
Savings account: €  
Credit Card: €
3. **Enrolments, (incl. classes 2015-2016)**  
New enrolments for September 2015 were outlined.
4. **Staffing**
5. **Principal's Report**  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations: The positive experiences of pupils/families/staff/community were outlined. Board paid tribute to staff for their central role in the proceedings.  
  
School Calendar 2015 – 2016. First day of school: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Full calendar to be uploaded to school website in coming days, (and included in school newsletter.)  
  
Applications regarding new pupils with Special Educational Needs were outlined to the Board. (Closing date for submission to National Council for Special education: March 18<sup>th</sup>.)
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**  
Annual review of Child Protection and Anti-Bullying Policies: item deferred to April meeting.  
Drafting of Homework Policy: initial input by staff was outlined.
9. **PTA link**  
PTA's 'Monster Raffle' was mentioned, (over €3000 raised) along with '10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary' candles for all families, and possible new afterschool activity (*Lego* programme.)
10. **AOB:**  
  
Educate Together AGM: see [www.educatetogether.ie](http://www.educatetogether.ie)  
  
St. Aidan's Services, Gorey: details re 'Strictly Business' dance fundraiser to be circulated to school staff.

**Date of next Board meeting:**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 8pm at the school**