

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 21st September 2015: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: Mary Thompstone Crean

1. Minutes from May and June meetings adopted, (Colin Webb, Angie Dooley)

Matters arising:

Reports to families and staff were agreed. Secretary to post on school website and Board mailbox.

2. **Treasurer's Report** *Reconciled 31st August 2015*

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| Current account: | € |
| School books account: | € |
| Savings account: | € |
| Credit Card: | (€) |

[Additional large income 7th September: Building Section, DES, €]

3. **Enrolments**

Current enrolment: 437 children. 16 mainstream classes. 2 special classes. 1 pre-school special class. Largest classes: 30 pupils. Smallest class: 20 pupils. 56% boys. 44% girls.

4. **Staffing**

Board currently employs 28 teachers.
Board currently employs 15 Special Needs Assistants.

5. **Principal's report**

Construction project: Board reviewed correspondence between DES and Principal. Board was informed of scope of forthcoming 'Health & Safety Works' and of the DES's instruction to re-tender the main construction project. It is expected that the project will be re-advertised on *E-Tenders* during the coming weeks.

School Development Planning: Board reviewed plans for the year ahead, including the planned work of the Principal, Deputy Principal and newly-appointed Assistant Principal, and of the Special Duties Teachers.

6. **Challenging Behaviour**

7. **Child Protection**

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

8. **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.

9. **PTA link**

Election of Parent Nominees to new Board of Management and PTA Annual General Meeting to take place on the same evening: Monday 9th November 2015.

10. **AOB:**

Revised Governance Manual for new Boards of Management was brought to the attention of the Board.
List of Educate Together training events was also circulated.

School to support Head Office's 'One Day Together' fundraising event, but not the 'National Raffle.'

**Date of next Board meeting:
Monday 12th October 2015, 8pm at the school**