

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 10th February 2016: Report to Families & Staff

Attendees: Karen Loughran (Chairperson,) Raymond Swan (Secretary,) Louise Redmond, Colin Webb (Treasurer,) Sarah Anderson, Olive Doherty

Apologies: Allen Holman, Angie Dooley

1. Minutes from January meeting adopted, (Colin Webb, Louise Redmond.)

Matters arising:

€1,000 voluntary contribution to Educate Together Head Office was made, following Emergency General Meeting.

School accounts: inspection copy was made available to families and staff.

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

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

Current account: €

School books account: €

Savings account: €

Credit Card: (€)

3. **Policy Development: School Self-Evaluation Report and School Improvement plan for Social, Personal and Health Education**

Principal presented School Self Evaluation Report, along with full results of parent questionnaire to the Board.

Principal presented draft School Improvement Plan to the Board. Proposed actions in the following areas were outlined: behaviour support/management; anti-bullying; conflict resolution/peer pressure/manipulation; 'The Influence of the Media'; 'The Rights of the Child' and 'other' (Mindfulness, Friends for Life/Friends First programme, School Charter, Friendship Day, Mental Health awareness.)

Finalised School Improvement Plan to be presented to the Board at next meeting for approval.

4. **Parent Teacher Association**

Chairperson to host a parent coffee morning 9am, Friday 11th March (in liaison with Anne Synnott, parent class rep. coordinator.) The purpose of the event will be to re-establish a PTA Committee. (A small number of parent volunteers would provide a 'starting point'.)

Louise Redmond to design invitation/flyer: to be distributed to parents Tuesday 1st March. (Principal to include reminder in March 8th newsletter + text message reminder on Thursday 10th March.)

5. **AOB:**

Board approved summer hire application. However, this will only proceed if school building is open for July Programme for Children with Autism.

Possible hire of school premises for Another Club was mentioned. At present, the Board is not in a position to facilitate further hire arrangements, given the school's caretaking set-up, insurance/Child Protection/other policies, and the fact that the school building is operating at full capacity, (no spare classrooms, etc.)

(The current hire arrangements are with "Laura Kitt School of Irish Dancing" (2 days/week) "Gorey Special Olympics" (1 day/week) and "summer camps by school staff" (various, only if school building is open for July Programme for Children with Autism.))

Principal mentioned that school staff would run independent after-school art club on a trial basis, pending the reestablishment of a PTA Committee. (After the trial period, club would probably need to operate within the existing PTA framework.)

Date of Next Board Meeting: Monday 14th March, 8pm at the school.