

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 23rd May 2016: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: -

1. Minutes from April meeting adopted, (Sarah Anderson, Olive Doherty.)

Matters arising:

Colin Webb thanked the Board for its expression of sympathy.

Chairperson noted a letter of thanks from Educate Together National Office re: voluntary contribution of €1,000 from school funds.

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

2. **Treasurer's Report** *Reconciled 30th April 2016*

Current account: €

School books account: €

Savings account: €

Credit Card: (€)

Treasurer outlined spending to date on Construction Project, vs. grants received from DES.

3. **Child Protection**

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

4. **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.

The Special Duties Teacher continues to address issues as they arise.

5. **Whole School Evaluation Report**

The Board noted the positivity of the Report and congratulated the school community on same.

The Chairperson noted that a questionnaire from the Inspectorate is to follow, (re: the school's experience of the WSE process.)

6. **Staffing/Recruitment**

7. **Policy Development:**

Dignity at Work Policy: The Board redrafted this document, following some feedback from staff. The final document was ratified as school policy.

Updated Code of Behaviour: The Board welcomed the updated Code of Behaviour, which includes outlines of recent and on-going school initiatives and strategies. The Board expressed its thanks to the Assistant Principal for her work in this area. Principal to communicate the revised Code to families at beginning of new school year.

8. **Parent Teacher Association**

This Board meeting was preceded by a meeting of parents interested in re-starting the school's PTA, along with available Board members.

The meeting was chaired by Karen Loughran.

A new PTA Committee of 8-10 parents & staff was established, and a first meeting is due to take place on 30th May 2016.

9. **AOB:**

Charties registration: a new streamlined process is now available to all school. Principal to investigate, and to progress the matter.

Educate Together AGM: no Board member was in a position to attend the recent AGM. Principal to send apologies to National Office.

Additional summer rental now in place: 'Anyone 4 Science.' (Nationwide network of science-based activity camps.)

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday 21st September, 8.00pm at the school.