

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 13th March 2017: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: Angie Dooley

1. Minutes from previous meeting adopted (Olive Doherty, Colin Webb.)

Matters arising: -

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

2. **Treasurer's Report** *Reconciled 28th February 2017*

Current account:	€
School books account:	€
Savings account:	€
Credit Card:	(€)
PayPal A/C	€

The Treasurer explained the Purchase Ledger Control, (see BoM file.) (Amounts relate mainly to last year's construction project.)

Final School Accounts 2015-2016 now signed and on file with the Accountant and at the School. Voluntary Contributions: school to issue claim forms to parents re: 'Tax Back' on 2015 and 2016 donations.

Cash on hand continues to reconcile with Big Red Cloud accounts package.

3. **Child Protection**

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

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The principal presented some of the lesson material from the revised Stay Safe programme. (This material is more advanced/direct/'hard-hitting' than previous versions.) The programme is being implemented in the school at present and parents are being encouraged to review the new lesson materials.

4. **Anti-Bullying**

The Principal reported to the Board in accordance with Department of Education and Skills Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, 2013.

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The Special Duties Teacher continues to work on cases as they arise.

The Principal recently issued a text message reminder to some parents: *Parents of 5th & 6th classes, please check your child's phone today and regularly. Inappropriate comments and bullying-type comments in online chats! R. Swan*

5. **Principal's Report**

The Principal outlined recent and ongoing school activities: 'Heritage in Schools' programme (genealogy workshops, science workshops,) sports coaching (rugby, soccer, hockey, cricket,) music programme, chess finals, table quiz finals, school trips (Enniscorthy Castle, Heritage Park, 1798 centre,) 'Rainbows' Peer Support Programme, Book Week & World Book day, Green Schools (travel theme and Green Flag assessment,) mainstream swimming, special class swimming, Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Enrolments for September 2017: - -

6. Parent Teacher Association link

Disco

A very full after-school programme is in place.

Possible Market Day during Term 3.

Next PTA AGM during May, (when a new Chairperson is expected to be appointed.)

Query re: involving parents more in Book Week: the school no longer offers a 'Book Fair,' as the books on offer are very expensive. There are other ways for parents to get involved, (reading to classes, etc.)

7. AOB:

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Date of Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 8pm, at the school