

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 11th November 2019: report to families & staff

This Board meeting was preceded by the election of parent nominees to the new Board of Management 2019-2023:

Olive Doherty elected: Seconded by Julie Kennedy.

David Bolger elected: Seconded by Allen Holman.

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

Apologies: -

1. **Minutes from previous meeting 16.09.2019 adopted** (Olive Doherty, Colin Webb)
Minutes of additional meeting 02.10.2019 adopted (Allen Holman, Sarah Anderson)

Matters arising: -

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

2. **Treasurer's Report –**

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

Recently agreed ICT spend was confirmed: Wriggle Ltd., iPads + support + storage €

Board approved additional repair to roof of PE Hall: € . (Spend on roof repairs in 2018-2019 was € . Minor Works grant due to be paid to the school during December 2019.)

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3. **Staffing**

Board approved promotion of Deirdre Flynn to Assistant Principal II post, following recent interviews.

4. **Code of Behaviour**

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5. **Child Protection**

Checklist for Annual Review of the Child Safeguarding statement was completed and signed by Chairperson and Principal. Principal to submit copy to the Patron.

6. **Anti-Bullying**

Checklist for Annual Review of the Anti-Bullying Policy was completed and signed by Chairperson and Principal. Principal to submit copy to the Patron.

7. **Parent Teacher Association link**

Olive Doherty reported that the recent Disco was very well attended, and that a high number of parent volunteers were in attendance. Winter Craft Fair to be held at the school on Saturday 7th December. PTA Committee has committed to ongoing/monthly Green/Environmental actions.

8. **AOB:**

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The Board noted with thanks a contribution of €2,700 from the school's PTA Committee towards our music and coaching programmes.

The school (5th and 6th classes) is participating in an EU-funded 'Gender Equality Matters' pilot project in association with DCU.

The school is re-registering as a Rainbows Ireland programme centre (peer support for children experiencing bereavement and/or family separation.)

Principal to draw teachers' attention to the fact that food (sweets, etc.) shouldn't be (routinely) used to reward children. Other forms of motivation should be utilised re promoting positive behaviour, etc.

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Gorey Special Olympics Group: Board to waive our PE Hall rental fees for 2019-2020 school year, in recognition of this group's ongoing contribution to the local community.

The Chairperson paid tribute to the outgoing Board for its contribution to the life of the school over the past four years.

(Outgoing Board member Allen Holman to attend school assembly on Friday 15th November, where a presentation will be made.)

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Monday 25th November 2019, 7.30pm at the school

This meeting to be attended by Karen Loughran, Sarah Anderson, Olive Doherty, David Bolger, David O'Shea (elected teacher nominee 13th November 2019, seconded by Imelda Wright) and Raymond Swan. Agenda: 'having discussed the skills needs of the Board... propose two extra members from the wider community for appointment to the Board.' See Appendix C of the Governance Manual 2019-2023.