

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 16th September 2019: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: Allen Holman, Louise Redmond

1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted** (Olive Doherty, 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 €

Pupils' book lists: Treasurer recommended the rounding-up of totals (to the nearest €) to help offset Paypal and Banking charges.

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3. **Enrolment**

Current enrolment: 416 children.

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4. **Staffing**

29 teachers (in 28.8 teaching posts.)

17 Special Needs Assistants (in 16.15 posts.)

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5. **Child Protection**

The Principal reported to the Board in accordance with sections 9.4 to 9.8 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017.

6. **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.

7. **Board of Management 2019-2023**

Informal 'thank you' event for parents: 7.30pm, Wednesday 2nd October (Sarah Anderson to write to parents; school to order light refreshments.) *Answer questions from parents who might be interested in putting themselves forward for election to the new Board.*

Elections to be held during November. (Updated Governance Manual soon to be published by the DES.)

8. **Parent Teacher Association link:**

Olive Doherty outlined a number of undertakings, including: the work of the new Parent Class Representatives coordinator; planned PTA newsletters; Treasure Hunt; Disco; Coffee Mornings for new Junior Infant parents; planned Winter Fair. (No PTA after-school activities at present. Principal has arranged other after-school activities via school staff and external providers.)

9. **AOB:**

C & R Print, Enniscorthy, celebrating 40 years in business: the Board acknowledged a donation of €2,000 to our special classes for children with autism.

The Board noted the merits of the national campaign for improved pay and conditions for School Secretaries.

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**Date of Next Board Meeting:
Monday 14th October 2019, 8.00pm at the school**