

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 17th January 2019: report to families and staff

The Board extends its sympathy to Olive Doherty on the recent passing of her father. May he rest in peace.

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

Apologies: Sarah Anderson, Olive Doherty

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

Matters arising:

Chairperson to write to Principal, Gorey Community School, acknowledging that school's revised Enrolment Policy and thanking the Board of GCS for taking submissions from the GETNS community into account as part of their consultation process.

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	€

The Board approved School Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2018, as prepared by Doyle Fielding Chartered Accountants, Enniscorthy.

Chairperson and Board Secretary to sign same and to return copy to Doyle Fielding.

Principal to make inspection copies available to families and staff. (Notice in a school newsletter.)

3. **Enrolment**

The Board amended the school's enrolment policy as follows, as instructed by the Patron. Principal to confirm the adjustment to the Patron's office.

*Due to the planned commencement of the **Education (Admission to Schools) Act, 2018**, Gorey Educate Together National School will not yet accept pre-enrolment application forms for September 2024, (or subsequent school years.) Pending further advice from the Department of Education and/or Educate Together National Office, it is expected that a new Admissions Policy will be approved with an 'annual admissions process' for September 2024 (and subsequent school years.) Pre-enrolments for September 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 can continue, as detailed below.*

Current enrolment: 434.

Pre-Enrolment Lists September 2019: -

Board agreed that offers of school places for September 2019 can commence as follows: -

Board agreed that all 3 special classes will continue as School-Age special classes for 2019-2020, (based on demand for school-age places in north-Wexford, and the continued roll-out of the AIMS support programme to local pre-schools.)

4. **Staffing**

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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. The Board considered a draft **Data Protection Statement (GDPR)**, prepared by the Principal. The Board added a further reference to the sharing of information with the HSE, before ratifying the statement as school policy.
8. **Post of Responsibility Reports:** The Board considered reports by the Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal I and Assistant Principal II (x3) on their work over the past term. Principal to convey the thanks of the Board to these post holders.
9. **Parent Teacher Association link:**
Committee is seeking a new After-School Activities coordinator. (Previous coordinator has stepped down, due to increased work commitments.)
Funding now in place for the purchase of hurling equipment for the school.
10. **AOB:**
Hire of PE Hall: -
Educate Together AGM: notice of the AGM was circulated to the Board. (Stepaside ETNS, 30th March 2019.)
Energy Usage Monitoring: -
Summer Hire of PE Hall: -
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Date of Next Board Meeting:
Monday 11th February 2019, 8.00pm at the school