

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 21st February 2018: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: Colin Webb, Angie Dooley

1. Minutes from previous meeting adopted (Olive Doherty, Allen Holman)

Matters arising: -

Fire Safety Review: report from 'Total Fire Solutions' received February 19th. Report to be examined in full in advance of March Board Meeting, (no undue risks identified thus far.)

Ancillary services.

ICT: iPads now in place; insurance also in place.

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

2. **Treasurer's Report** *Current balances (Reconciled 31st January 2018)*

Current account: €

School books account: €

Savings account: €

Credit Card: (€-)

PayPal A/C €

Large payments:

Large receipts:

Cash on Hand is reconciling with Big Red Cloud.

Letters re Tax-Back on Voluntary Contributions will soon be posted to families.

Rental Income 2016-2017:

Olive Doherty to draw PTA Committee's attention to Financial Guideline P10 2017-2018, 'Good Financial Governance and the Parents' Association.'

3. **Enrolment/Staffing/Classes 2018-2019**

The pupil-teacher ratio is reduced to 26:1 from September 2018.

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4. **Staffing (Teachers)**

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Assistant Principal Reports: these were considered by the Board.

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Job Sharing and Career Break applications:

5. **Staffing (SNAs)**

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6. **Child Protection**

(Draft) Child Safeguarding Statement and (Draft) Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment now in place. Principal to circulate to staff and PTA, and to publish on school website.

Chairperson to adopt both as School Policy in advance of March 11th Department of Education deadline.

7. **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.

8. **Parent Teacher Association link**

School disco: March. A summer fair is planned for June. A programme of after-school activities is in place.

9. **AOB:**

The Board approved DES-mandated staff training days as follows (no classes): ~~Monday 14th May (Child Protection)~~ and Tuesday 15th May (Primary Language Curriculum.)

School Calendar 2018-2019 was approved by the Board: First Day of School – Thursday 30th August; week-long break in February 2019; closed Friday with June 2019 Public Holiday.

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday 20th March 2018, 8.00pm, at the school