

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 2nd December 2020: report to families and staff

Attendees: Colin Webb (Treasurer,) Raymond Swan (Secretary,) Olive Doherty, David O'Shea, Angie Dooley, Sarah Anderson, David Bolger

Apologies: Karen Loughran

This meeting was held in the school's PE Hall, with more than 2m physical distance between all Board members.

The meeting was Chaired by Sarah Anderson.

1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted** (Olive Doherty, David O'Shea)

Matters arising: -

Admissions Notice (Enrolment) was published on the school website, (and referred to in school newsletters.)

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	€

Recent appeal for Voluntary Contributions.
Introduction of 'Aladdin Money' e-payment method.

3. **Principal's Report**

Average monthly attendance. September 89.3% October: 92.5%. November: 94.5%. (Overall 2019-2020, (6 months): 93.3%

The school has continued to operate well over the past term, with most day-to-day learning and experiences continuing for the pupils within their Class Bubbles.

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There are no COVID-19-related concerns to report (from the Lead Worker Representative or from the staff in general.)

The Board expressed its thanks to school staff for all their work.

4. **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.

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

5. **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.

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

6. **Code of Behaviour**

7. **Parent Teacher Association link**

Ballynastragh Gaels GAA Club can be expected to soon link in with our school again regarding the provision of coaching. The school will welcome this initiative.

8. New Second Level School

David Bolger updated the Board on the very substantial work of the local Educate Together campaign group.

Voting has now closed. The Advisory Group's recommendation, along with the Minister/Cabinet's decision is awaited.

Letter of thanks to be prepared for the local campaign group.

9. AOB:

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday 13th January, at the new time of 7.30pm