

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 3rd November 2021: report to families and staff

Attendees: Colin Webb (Treasurer, Board member since January 2012), Raymond Swan (Secretary, May 2005), David Bolger (December 2019), Olive Doherty (December 2015), David O'Shea (December 2019), Sarah Anderson (Chairperson, December 2011), Angie Dooley (November 2010.)

Apologies: Karen Loughran, (November 2010.)

1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted** (Angie Dooley, Olive Doherty)

Matters arising:

Enrolment trends update: -

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Greenhouse ordered, for installation in December/January. -

Children First e-Learning Programme: -

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	-

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3. **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.

The Board approved the following additions to the school's Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment: Online learning and learning, (e.g. during school closures or class closures.) - School staff have been made aware of their responsibilities (and of the risk of harm) regarding matters that may arise during online/remote teaching and learning (e.g. during school closures or class closures.)

Principal attended Designated Liaison Person refresher training: 14th October 2021

4. **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.

5. **Code of Behaviour**

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6. **Covid-19 Response Plan**

- No concerns reported by the Lead Worker Representatives.
- Central heating in use, CO2 levels have risen slightly, but overall no concerns regarding ventilation
- Hand hygiene practices; respiratory etiquette: observed to be very good.
- Regular Covid-related reminders included in school newsletters and school intercom messages.
- Attendance: 90% approx. (Pre-covid: 93%)

The Board noted the following revisions to arrangements at the school:

- Staggered afternoon dismissals: revise times to
- 2.25: bus passengers only
- 2.30: all others, (for collection 2.30-2.40)

- After-school group: move from current location (PE Hall) to project room, (4 pods at each corner of that room.)

7. **ICT**

The Board examined a summary of ICT-related income and spending over the past 4 years, presented by the Principal -

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8. **AOB**

Rainbows Ireland programme: Chairperson signed Programme Centre Agreement. Start date to be confirmed, (pending update from DoE on arrangements for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Covid-related circular from DoE is expected this week.)

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PTA Chairperson/committee remains in contact with the school (and involved in activities such as the Edible Schools project.) Activities of the PTA remain curtailed by public health restrictions.

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Date of Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday 8th December 2021, 7.30pm. School staffroom.