

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 6th October 2021: report to families & staff

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

Apologies: Karen Loughran

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

The Board marked the recent passing of Thirapol (Nod) Sriphrakho, past pupil.
The Board marked the recent passing of Konrad Ano, father of current and past pupils.

1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted** (David O'Shea, Colin Webb)

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	€

3. **Enrolments**

395 children

Department of Education's pupil teacher ratio reduced to 25:1

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4. **Staffing**

Recruitment work during June was successful.

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29 fulltime teachers in place.

16.32 SNA posts in place.

6 teachers and 1 SNA in job-sharing arrangements.

1 additional fulltime support teacher to be added for 4-6 months, (Department's 'Covid Learning and Support Scheme.')

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.

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.

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.

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APII currently delivering anti-bullying presentations to the senior classes.

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.

7. **Code of Behaviour**

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8. Covid-19 Response Plan

- The Board noted and approved the school's response plan, (as per DoE templates.)
- No concerns reported by the Lead Worker Representatives.
- Ventilation: Board in agreement that school can move from a position of 'all windows and doors open' to astute use of ventilation data (11 CO2 monitors in use.) I.e. air the classrooms as certain intervals; strike an appropriate balance between comfort and ventilation.
- Accommodation from November 1st: Board in agreement to convert school library to support teaching use; return overflow staffroom to library/Wi-Fi/general purposes use; and to return main staffroom to 60% of pre-Covid capacity, (with staggered breaks remaining in place.)
- Risk assessment: - - -

9. School Plan

The Board reviewed the In-School Management Plan 2021-2022.

10. ICT

Wi-Fi survey complete: areas not covered have been identified.

Replacement computers now in place (in several classrooms.)

Wi-Fi upgrade: - - - Board to progress this upgrade as soon as possible.

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11. AOB

'Edible Schools' project: The Board noted the success of this gardening/food project to date. Board supportive of use of PTA funding for polycarbonate greenhouse.

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Board of Management training: various modules are available via Educate Together National Office.

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday 3rd November 2021, 7.30pm.