

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 28th September 2022: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: Karen Loughran, David O'Shea

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1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted** (Olive Doherty, David Bolger)

Matters arising:

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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	-

Preparation of the End of Year Accounts is well underway. Thanks were expressed to the Treasurer, the School Secretary and the Principal.

Principal to draft Travel & Subsistence Expenses Policy in advance of the next Board meeting.

Tony Ahern to be asked to forward the PTA Accounts to the Treasurer.

3. **Enrolment Update**

393 children enrolled, (down from 395 children on 30th September 2021.)

Cut-off (to maintain existing level of staffing) 378.

Where possible, the school continues to reduce class size in line with the improving pupil teacher ratios.

Smallest classes: Junior Infants (21 in each class.) Senior Infants (17 and 18.) One second class (20.)

Largest classes: Third (27.) Both Fourth Classes (27.) Fifth (27.)

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.

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.

6. **Code of Behaviour**

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7. **Incidental Inspection (12th September 2022)**

The Board noted and welcomed the feedback from the Department's inspector, (notes shared with the Board by the Principal via email on 22nd September.)

In-School Management Plan

The Board reviewed the In-School Management Plan for 2022-2023 and welcomed the forthcoming recruitment of one additional Assistant Principal I postholder and one additional Assistant Principal II postholder.

School Self Evaluation Overview

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting.

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9. **PTA Link**

The recent coffee morning was very well attended. Additional parents have offered to become involved in the work of the PTA.

The 'Edible School' gardening project is very successful.

10. **AOB**

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Newspaper photos: School to give greater prominence to the section on photographs in the school guide for parents and guardians.

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday 25th October, 7.30pm at the school.