

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 4th May 2022: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: Karen Loughran, Olive Doherty

The Board expressed its sympathy to Angie Dooley on the passing of her father Séamus Kelly. May he rest in peace.

1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted** (Angie Dooley, David O'Shea.)

Matters arising:

Data Protection: - - -

School calendars for 2022 and 2023 were distributed to families.

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. **Staffing Update**

Our teacher allocation for 2022-2023 is confirmed as: 16 mainstream class teachers, 3 special class teachers and 9 fulltime support teachers. (I.e. a slight increase overall: no shared post with Arklow Gaelscoil next year.)

The Covid-related CLASS scheme will continue for us all the way to the end of June.

Enrolment for September will remain down by up to 48 children when compared to 5 years ago. (Smaller class sizes overall, in line with national trends.)

SNA and Assistant Principal allocations for September can be expected very soon.

Teacher recruitment: The expected position for the new school year:

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4. **Enrolment Update**

Junior Infants. -

Senior Infants. -

First Class. -

Second Class. -

3rd class: -

4th class: -

5th class: -

6th class: -

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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.

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.

7. **Code of Behaviour**

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8. **Standardised Testing**

All testing has resumed. JI – Belfield screening. SI – Middle Infant Screening Test. 1st and 2nd classes: Drumcondra Reading and Maths (paper based.) 3rd-6th: Drumcondra Reading and Maths (online assessments.) 2nd class: Non Reading Intelligence Tests.

Results (1st-6th) will be reported to parents on the School Reports.

Aggregated results and trends will be reported to the Board in the autumn.

David Bolger gave positive feedback regarding the online Mangahigh maths programme. (Temporary school subscription is in place.)

9. **Covid-19 update**

The situation has greatly improved.

10. **ICT Update**

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11. **Educate Together AGM**

May 7th, Bremore Educate Together Secondary School. (Unfortunately, on this occasion, the school will not be represented.)

12. **PTA link**

The committee met for the first time on April 4th.

A number of community-building events are planned, including: treasure hunts, school disco, end of year event in honour of 6th class and recycling/swap events.

13. **AOB**

The recent Bake Sale by the children was very successful. Over €900 was raised for the Irish Red Cross (Ukraine Appeal.)

The Board decided that the enrolment of Ukrainian children in the school should be celebrated by all pupils and staff.

Afterschool activities restarted on March 28th, (Fit Camp, Chess Club, Tennis, Homework Club, Keyboards.)

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Gorey Educate Together Secondary School has secured a permanent site: the site of its current temporary buildings.

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday 28th September, 7.30pm.