

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 21st March 2023: report to families and staff

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

Apologies: Karen Loughran

Co-option of New Member:

The existing Board members unanimously agreed to co-opt Tony Ahern as new community representative and treasurer. (The Patron's office has given approval in principle to the appointment.)

1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted:** Olive Doherty, David O'Shea
Matters arising:

Report to families and staff was agreed. Board Secretary to post on school website.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

The Board discussed the 2021-2022 accounts.

3. **Staffing**

Teacher allocation 2023-2024: no change. (Pupil-teacher ratio reduced to 23:1. Retention figure reduced to 373. Current enrolment 394.)

Job Sharing:

Teachers

SNAs

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.

Garda Re-Vetting: ---

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**

7. **Updated Learn Together Curriculum**

An updated Learn Together curriculum is in the process of being rolled out by Educate Together National Office.

Subject to ratification at this year's AGM, the curriculum is due to be implemented in school's from September 2023.

Initial in-school training/familiarisation took place last month.

Principal recently attended training in Dublin.

The Board agreed to subsidise summer course training by Gorey ETNS teachers in July/August 2023.

8. **PTA Link**

Next meeting: March 23rd.

9. **AOB**

- Principal to circulate emails from National Office regarding various training events to all Board Members
- Principal presented copies of new 'Educate Together: A Snapshot in Time' publication to Board Members

**Date of Next Board Meeting:
Tuesday 25th April, 7.30pm at the school.**