

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

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

Apologies: -

1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted:** David O'Shea, David Bolger.

Matters arising:

Garda Re-Vetting of non-classroom staff & outside coaches to get underway

Handover by former treasurer to new treasurer has happened

Wellbeing questionnaire for pupils and staff to get underway

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 -

- Voluntary Contributions: the Board agreed that the Principal should issue a letter to families asking those not already part of this scheme to consider joining it.
- Handover by former treasurer to new treasurer has happened. Principal to also introduce the Treasurer to Margaret Roche FCCA at Doyle Fielding Chartered Accountants.

3. **Enrolment 21st September 2023**

384 children.

Enrolment September 2022: 393

Where possible, the school continues to reduce class size in line with the improving pupil teacher ratio. (23:1)

Smallest classes: 1 x Junior Infants (16) and 1 x First Class (17.)

Largest classes: Fourth – Sixth Classes (25-27 children.)

4. **Staffing**

The Board noted the upcoming retirement of Imelda Wright, Deputy Principal (January 2024.)

Assistant Principal II vacancy to be advertised in the coming weeks.

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.

- Board to formally adopt the revised (2023) Child Protection Procedures for Schools (Summary of changes: see Appendix 5 of those procedures.)

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. **Correspondence**

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9. **Board of Management elections**

Election of Parent Reps: 7.30pm Wednesday 18th October. (Principal to issue a notice to families, on behalf of the Board.)

Election of Teacher Rep. also to be arranged in the coming weeks.

10. **PTA Link**

The Board noted the upcoming AGM.

11. **AOB**

- Creagh College BoM rep: the Board noted that Sarah Anderson is stepping down from this role.

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday 18th October 7.30pm at the school. (Election of parent reps to the new Board at 7.30pm. Followed by Board meeting at 8.00pm.)