

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 9th May 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: Karen Loughran

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

Matters arising:

Garda Re-Vetting of school staff is underway. Teachers' most recent Teaching Council Garda Vetting certificates are being gathered. To be followed by re-vetting of SNAs. To be followed by re-vetting of non-classroom-based staff.

The updated Learn Together Curriculum was ratified at the recent Educate Together National AGM: for implementation in schools from September 2023.

The Board noted that our school was not represented at the recent AGM (for the second year in a row), and that some of the voting at the AGM resulted in very close results. School to make every effort to be represented at future national AGMs.

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	-

Accountant's representative to attend the school on 11th May: additional guidance and training to school secretary and Principal.

Principal to share Big Red Cloud details with the new Treasurer.

3. **Staffing**

Teacher recruitment is underway: -

SNA recruitment to get underway: -

Assistant Principal recruitment to get underway: -

Bereavement Leave for non-classroom-based staff: the Board agreed to match the terms of the recent Department of Education Circular on bereavement leave for teachers and 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.

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. **Inspection Report: science**

The Board noted the broadly positive findings of the recent inspection report, and commended the school community on the findings. Principal to make arrangements regarding the recommendations of the report.

Full report to be shared with families via the newsletter and school website.

8. **Wellbeing Questionnaire**

86 responses were received to the parent questionnaire. The Board examined the (very positive) results.

Principal to arrange pupil and staff questionnaires.

Overall results and actions to be discussed by the Board in the autumn.

9. **PTA Link**

AGM is planned for May 18th.

10. **AOB**

- The Board congratulated the school community on the awarding of its fifth Green Flag – in honour of biodiversity!

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday 19th September 7.30pm at the school.