

Board of Management Meeting Minutes: 2022

Date: June 15th 2022

Agenda:

1. Apologies – Ciara
Present: Conn, Darren, Billy, Derek, Suzi, Mary Anne
2. Minutes from last meeting to be confirmed - ratified

Student Council -

Update from Marie. Marie has energized the Student Council and it has successfully undertaken a number of different activities in a proactive way.

Allocations DES -

The Principal has applied for a curricular concession of 50 hours and got 1 whole time equivalent (wte) (22 hours).

There was one additional Special Education teacher, 0.75 wte for EAL students

The total allocation is 34.1 wte for 2022-23.

34.1 allocation this year.

Post Holders Reports –

The school management undertook the annual review of posts and a copy was given to each board member.

Reviewing of posts for a new cycle will be finalised in September.

Needs and Priorities –

The Needs and Priorities for the school were reviewed by staff and identification of needs results were presented by Fiona. The Board identified Teaching and Learning Innovation as an important aspect to include. Working Groups have been set up to finalize the needs and priorities and draft roles.

Teaching and Learning

- a. Leaving and Junior Certificate Update – All is going well up to this point. The superintendents commented on how impressed they were with our students.
- b. School Library has received a grant of €6500 to build a more structured Library. Book in a bag initiative will be rolled out next year also.

Code of Positive Behaviour Review Report

Martina reported back to the BOM on the outcomes of the review of the Code of Positive Behaviour. The purpose was to make it fit for purpose for senior students. Staff, students, and parents have been surveyed.

Action: Move to the next stage

Building Sub Committee

Update and summary of the work done by the subcommittee was given to the Board. The subcommittee was set up in November 2021 with a purpose to affirm a permanent site for NWEISS. In February 2022 the school invited all local public representatives to attend a meeting to discuss the situation surrounding a permanent building for the school. Local Public Representatives, Board members, Parents Association and Student Council all attended and gave opinions on the ongoing issue of the lack of a permanent site for the school.

Regular meetings have been held to keep up the pressure on the Department of Education and the Government in order to secure a site. To date three potential sites have been identified. Site and technical suitability are still being determined.

In terms of next steps the monthly meetings will resume with local representatives and the Patron until such time as success in terms of a new building is secured.

Staff CPD

- SNA training on Visual Pack
 - Alice – DCU – Special Ed
 - Stacey – DCU - Guidance –
 - Josna – Catch Up Numeracy
 - Laurence – Computer Science PDST
 - Jonathan – RSE PDST
3. School Events
 - a. Sports Day and PSA Summer Fair both went ahead in the final term and were very successful events.
 4. Staffing – update

New Appointments

1. Deborah McEvoy – Irish
2. Ciaran Smithers – PE
3. Ruairí Carroll – Science

Year 2 Contracts

1. Darren Gillespie
2. Stephen McGrath
3. Louise Ward
4. Laura Gibbons
5. Monica English
6. Mimi Doran
7. Alice Connors

Due CID

1. Darren O'Sullivan
2. Evangelin Durojaiye
3. Beartla de Burca
4. Laurence Horan
5. Josna Joy
6. Robbie Doyle
7. Stacey Finn

Professional support report

Counselling – Has gone from one day a week to three days.
OT and S&L - funded from international students.

School Self Evaluation:

The school will start a new cycle in September 2022.

School Canteen

An outside company is coming in to set up a canteen in September. The school will monitor how it is working through the year.

Suspension

None

Finance Report

Lisa has kept everything on target. Next year's budget complete and can be sent off to ET.

Anti-Bullying Report

Completed and shared with Board members.

Child Protection Oversight Report

Completed, on file in BOM minute folder

Confirm Actions & Agreed Report of this meeting

The school will move to the next stage of the Code of Behaviour Review.

AOB

None

Confirm date for next meetings

31st August 2022