

Board of Management
Meeting: 2019-20_5 Date: 22nd January 2020
Minutes

In attendance: Jonathan, Emer, Derek, Suzi, Mick, Pádraig, Conn, Ciara, Louise	
Apologies: Caoilinn, Tessa.	
Chair: Derek	Minutes: Pádraig

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Agenda:

1a. Apologies

- Student reps.

1b. Minutes from last meeting to be confirmed/ amended.

- The minutes of the meeting of 26th November 2019 were ratified.

2. Correspondence

- Correspondence from EWO re: special hearing to confirm process

3. Child safeguarding statement.

- The Board was informed of cases in line with the school's Safeguarding Statement.
- The Board will have to review the Child Safeguarding Statement on two occasions in order to bring it line with the overall Educate Together schools policy. The first review will take place in March this year.

4. Bullying report and Bullying Policy

- There were no cases to report since the last meeting.
- Anti-Bullying Policy
 - Recently updated by Jonathan, Padraig & Aisling
 - Distributed to all Board members for review and feedback

5. Health and Safety report.

- There were no issues to report.

Reports:

6. Buildings Report.

- A meeting was held in Ravenswell on 20.12.19 with DES and KSN Project Management to further review the requirements for the relocation next September.

- No work will be sanctioned for 2020-2021 that requires planning permission.
- Parking and sports issues have been further discussed and the requirements have been made clear to both KSN and the DES.
- Recently, misinformation regarding Novara Avenue site disseminated to local community. As a result, Jonathan has engaged with a number of politicians, KWETB CE and local media to clarify the situation.

7. Finance Report

- Conn updated the Board on the current financial situation. Lisa is working on producing the schools final accounts for 2018-2019

8. Dignity in the Workplace Policy

- Existing JMB/ASTI policy to be used while new policy involving all unions is being drawn up This was agreed by the Board.

9. PSA Report.

- Ruth Fitzmaurice guest speaker visiting school during Arts week to speak to parents, guardians, carers
- BBQ event in May – ‘Farewell to Putland Road’
- ASN Support Group to be established

10. SSE update from Mick

- 2019-2020 - Focus on participation
- Stakeholders surveyed (students, staff, parents, guardians, carers)
- Themes emerging:
 - Staff
 - Vast majority sense of belonging
 - Students could play a further part in the running of school
 - Opportunities to lead initiatives
 - Link between student council and clan system needs to be strengthened
 - Lack of opportunity to engage in Educate Together CPD
 - Students
 - Feel listened to but unable to identify examples of where they have contributed meaningfully to the school
 - Parents
 - Identified a need for more information on how to support their child at home

11. Principal’s report

Learning and Teaching

Planning for Leaving Certificate 2020

The following timeline is in place:

Subject presentation to be prepared by AS, JB and PC	Week of Jan 13 th 2020
Subject and LC information evening	Jan 23 rd 2020
Individual meetings with students, parents and JB/AS (LCA)	Ongoing from Jan 2020
Initial subject straw poll based on access to third level and the Microsoft forms undertaken in 2019.	Jan 27 th 2020
LCA policy to board to ratify in February meeting.	Feb 26 th 2020
Final subject choice.	March 2 nd 2020
Staff planning afternoon on LCA, TY and LC.	TBA

SWAY Newsletter:

Thanks to Niamh Swan and the TY journalism class for producing the latest SWAY. This is available on the school website, on twitter, the school app and Facebook.

School Self Evaluation:

Mick will update us on the SSE process at the next Board meeting.

Gary Cunningham:

Transition Year were visited by Gary Cunningham. Gary is a writer, a musician, a painter and a former prisoner. His motivational and no-holds barred style had a very immediate and significant impact on the young people who heard him speak. The school is anxious to build an ongoing connection with Gary. There are a small number of boys in Third Year who would benefit from engaging with him over a period of time.

Metal Heart:

Thanks to Niamh for bring TY students to see Metal Heart in the IFI where they were able to engage in a

Q&A with director Hugh O'Connor and lead actor, Jordanne Jones.

E-Twinning:

Well done to Martina, Anna and Transition Year students for their engagement in a sustainable Christmas Card and sustainable Christmas poster exchange with students in Spain, Lithuania and Sweden. Martina presented at the most recent staff meeting about the potential offered by e-twinning for all students.

ASN:

Samantha Homan (Chairperson of PSA) and advocate for children with additional needs (amongst other things) will be running a support group at school for parents with children with autism and ADHD.

The Parents' Plus programme is about to enter its second iteration with a new group of parents working with Mick and Aisling.

An entrance assessment will take place for all students entering the school on Saturday 25th January. Thanks to Úna for organising the assessments and to the staff who will be on site to help welcome our 2020 intake. I am keen to try to meet some parents who have been offered places but whose children may find mainstream difficult. We have had two cases of children with rapidly changing needs and presentations in the ASD class whose reliance on the ASD class was almost total.

Digital Learning Framework Update:

Pádraig will update the BOM on the digital learning framework at this meeting.

12. Sports Report

- Update from Emer on Athletics, Basketball, Football & Ultimate Frisbee

13. New Board: Role and Training

- Board will meet before May to explore role of Board in school life.

Additional:

16. Confirm dates for next meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday 26th February 2020