

## **Board of Management Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

In attendance were:

Jerry Cronin – Chairperson, Michael Cregan – Secretary, Eukaria O’Grady, Liam Lenihan  
Andrew O’Regan, Vincent Murphy,  
Apologies from Anne O’Sullivan, Pat O’Riordan.

The Board was informed that Diana Bogan-Carey was no longer a member as her daughter has now left the school having completed her Leaving Certificate. The Parents’ Council will now look for a replacement for Diana.

The meeting opened with a reflection by the secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and were proposed by Vincent Murphy and seconded by Andrew O’ Regan.

### **Matters Arising:**

The secretary outlined that he had installed the railing outside the front of the building and all the recommendations from Allianz had been followed.

### **Correspondence:**

A letter from Tomasz Miesiarczyk, our caretaker was read to the meeting regarding his resignation. This was proposed by Vincient murphy and seconded by Liam Lenihan

There was a letter in relation to Junior Cycle.

The Leaving Cert and Junior Cert results were discussed. The secretary stated that the Junior Cert results were the best he had ever seen.

There were requests for various personal days brought to the Board.

FCJ news was also given to the Board.

The Parents’ Council minutes were presented to the Board.

There was also information in relation to Leaving Cert statistics results.

The secretary brought to the Board an issue in relation to the security cameras and how they were obsolete and need to be replaced.

A list of college places taken up by the 6<sup>th</sup> Years who sat Leaving Cert in June was presented to the Board. The Board thanked Ethna Lyons for the comprehensive report and said it was great to see so many of our students going on to further education.

The Principal’s Report was read into the meeting

### **Principal's Report:**

- Painted all the outside of school. Also painted some classrooms and stairways.
- Fixed all shoots and drainpipes
- Fixed leaks in gym
- Sanded floor in study hall and chapel
- About to start refurbishment of bathrooms
- Taken over maintenance of graveyards
- Attended Debs Ball for 6<sup>th</sup> years
- Distributed Leaving and Junior Cert results
- TY climbed Keeper Hill
- All 1<sup>st</sup> years went to Doneraile Park as part of Wellbeing with Year Head, Principal, Deputy Principal and Guidance Counsellor
- Started work on Junior Cycle
- Education officer with FCJ sisters, Sr. Madeleine Ryan spoke to staff on care for the environment.
- School tour to London has taken place
- Started training in sport
- Ran one day de-fibulation training for staff. Will run others
- I was selected as JMB representative on LCA review
- Open Day 21<sup>st</sup> September
- Student selected for Munster hockey team
- A group of students will be visiting from Genzanno College FCJ, Australia and will be hosted by school families. Will be attending dinner with FCJ sisters
- 5 students attending ploughing championships
- Attended JMB conference with Deputy and Chairperson
- Getting ready for Open Night on Thursday

### **Ethos:**

An induction day was held in the school focusing to 'Truth'. Sr. Geraldine had prepared some work and the Board discussed it to see how it can relate to our work on a daily basis. The chairperson thanked Sr. Geraldine and the secretary for the work they had done on this subject and the theme we will visit for the next meeting will be 'Spirituality'.

### **Building:**

The building project was brought to the Board. The secretary had informed the Board previously that the Department had come to visit the school. On the follow up to this the Department had given the go ahead on a Fire Safety Audit for a structural survey for Laurel Hill Secondary School FCJ and for both schools for a topographic and building survey. The secretary is working with the architect and is trying to get it out to tender as soon as possible. There was also a request Dulux paint to know if they could feature the school on their brochure. This was proposed by Liam Lenihan and seconded by Eurkaria O'Grady.

### **Accounts:**

The accounts for June, July and August 2017 were presented to the Board.

### **School Tours:**

The London trip last week was discussed.

### **Junior Cert Dates**

5<sup>th</sup> March – Inservice for staff

12<sup>th</sup> March (possible) 1 day in-service for staff

The Board asked the secretary to advertise for replacement of the Caretaker. This was proposed by Liam Lenihan and seconded by Vincent Murphy.

The secretary also explained that he had a conversation with one of the coaches and we may have to consider looking at having a Director of Coaches. A report is being done on this matter and will be sent out before the next meeting for members to examine.

The Board was informed about the setting up On-line payments for parents and this will be in place as soon as possible.

Also discussed was a need for an update in relation to data protection policy which is required before the year is out.

### **Agreed Report:**

Ethos

Building

School Tours

Accounts

Junior and Leaving Cert Results

The next meeting was agreed for 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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Jerry Cronin

(Chairperson)

