
Tuesday 12th December 2023

Agreed Report

- ✚ Minutes of previous meeting proposed and seconded.
- ✚ Presentation Day Mass took place. Sr Canisius. Bro. John and M. Ryan joined us for mass and celebrations.
- ✚ Staff attended the Kerry Diocesan gathering for RE teachers.
- ✚ No Child Protection cases to report under DES procedures. There have not been any bullying issues raised which require reporting under DES procedures.
- ✚ Part time hours report to be presented. Parental/Carers Leave notified. Unpaid leave notified.
- ✚ Incidental Inspection 12th December. The inspector was impressed by the learning and teaching observed.
- ✚ Five teachers have commenced Magenta Twilight sessions online. They have also been invited to collaborate with a school in Belfast as part of a cross-border project with Mike Huges.
- ✚ Deirdre Bourke from the NSCE facilitated an SET core team training session and a whole school session.
- ✚ JCT second subject in-service days are ongoing.
- ✚ 1st Year Learning Skills workshop facilitated by Super Generation.
- ✚ Judith Callen - NCSE - Facilitated ASD Training for core team as well as a day for whole staff on 24th November.
- ✚ L&T Core Team meetings ongoing.
- ✚ SSE Plan was discussed at staff meeting - post-it feedback session on group work.
- ✚ NDFA roof inspection in November - Awaiting to hear about findings and solution.
- ✚ On approved list of schools in Kerry for solar panel grant scheme. Quotes to be obtained from list of approved suppliers.
- ✚ Student Council elections are complete. Students participated in Comhairle na nÓg & ISSU Regional meetings
- ✚ Child protection and anti-bullying feedback session with Student Council.
- ✚ TYs organised a 1st Year Basketball Blitz
- ✚ Student Council - No-uniform dress-up day in aid of Jigsaw
- ✚ 1st Year team building trips to Splashsports are now complete.
- ✚ RSE workshops have taken place for 1st, 3rd, 5th & 6th Years. RSE/Know the Score/Friend First training attended by staff.
- ✚ Two members of staff attended Student Support Team training.
- ✚ Assessment of Need Form - HSE - Training from NCSE for Principal and SENCO
- ✚ UL Open Days & speaker from UL to school
- ✚ TY swimming and self-defence has commenced. Also attended Climbing Wall in Killarney.
- ✚ 5th Year attend the Careers Fair in MTU, 6th Year Geography Field Trips, 6th Year trip to Gaeltacht, Trip to Phantom of the Opera - 5th & 6th Year Music students.
- ✚ TY & 5th Year PE Trip to Cork on Ice
- ✚ Cork Pops - 2nd & 3rd Year Music students
- ✚ TY residential trip to Delphi Activity Centre, TYs - Ger Carey Comedy Roadshow - Siamsa.Tire.
- ✚ GAISCE presentation to Bronze award students took place on 16th November.
- ✚ Congratulations to the award winners in the Astellas Art competition
- ✚ Choir & orchestra annual Christmas visit to St Francis Special School.
- ✚ Senior & Cadette Boys' and girls' basketball has finished. All teams unlucky not to qualify for regional play-off stages.
- ✚ Boys' and girls' football continues - Senior boys team secured the school first ever Corn victory. Unfortunately, this was tainted by being forced to concede a fixture and an unsuccessful appeal.
- ✚ County Badminton competition - U.19 Boys came out as winners. U.16 Boys and Girls, and the U14 Girls came second, and the U14 Boys were unlucky not to pick up a medal after a great performance.
- ✚ Parents Association AGM took place on 2nd October. First meeting was held on 14th Nov - Excellent turn out.
- ✚ Open Evening was a huge success. Thank you to all the staff and students involved.
- ✚ Enrolment - 144 applicants for 144 places.
- ✚ JC/LC Results 2023 analysis complete by subject departments.
- ✚ 3rd & 6th Year November exams, reports, and parent-teacher meetings are complete.
- ✚ Graduation to now take place on Wednesdays at 2.30pm. 6th Year students will not be in school that day and are under parental responsibility before and after mass
- ✚ Planning for annual Jingle Bell Run fundraiser is underway.
- ✚ Electronic Banking Policy discussed and ratified. Daily approval limits set.
- ✚ Critical Incident Policy Documents circulated & policies ratified.
- ✚ Annual Leave Policy for ancillary staff discussed and ratified.
- ✚ Calendar for 2024-25 discussed and ratified.
- ✚ Annual accounts for 2022-23 discussed and ratified. Finance Report discussed and ratified.
- ✚ Pre-Exam fees to increase by €20. Fee has not increased since 2011 and current amount being requested leaves a significant deficit versus the cost of the Pre-exams.
- ✚ CEIST approval of Admission Policy received.
- ✚ Staff Personal Days approved.
- ✚ DES data collection survey submitted
- ✚ The Board extends best wishes to staff, students and their families for a happy and peaceful Christmas.