

Tuesday 20th September 2022

(Remote Meeting via ZOOM)

Agreed Report

- ✚ Sympathies to the Presentation Sisters and the family of Sr Columbanus Quirke (RIP).
- ✚ Minutes of previous meeting (16/6/22 & 30/8/22) No matters arising.
- ✚ APII appointments ratified. Allocation for 2022-23 - API x 7, APII x 8 and Ex Quota x 1
- ✚ Biannual Review process for Leadership & Management Needs and Priorities initiated.
- ✚ Principal ratified to fulfil the day to day running of the school in liaison with the chairperson between meetings.
- ✚ Permission for Principal to suspend students in line with the Code of Behaviour.
- ✚ Child Safeguarding Oversight Report presented – No Child protection or bullying issues to report.
- ✚ Child protection guidelines were proposed and adopted in full. Child safeguarding statement and risk assessment reviewed and ratified in line with DES procedures. Principal ratified as DLP and Deputy Principal as DDLP.
- ✚ Anti-Bullying review checklist read, discussed, and adopted. Policy to Counter Bullying Behaviour ratified.
- ✚ Advisory visit from DES inspector Shirley Murphy in August. 2022-23 SSE review year as permitted under new guidelines. Looking at Our School (LAOS) 2022 has been published & issued to schools.
- ✚ CEIST Gatherings – Principals & deputies, new staff, CEIST conference, middle leadership training etc.
- ✚ Four new CIDs for 2022-23. Ten fixed term contracts. EAL hours granted for our Ukrainian students to be allocated.
- ✚ New staff will have the opportunity to go to Mike Hughes workshop face-to-face this year.
- ✚ COVID minor-works ventilation work in Assembly annex room nearly completed.
- ✚ Leaving Certificate results were exceptional. Sincere thanks to our hugely dedicated staff on their work supporting LC & JC students. JC results – no date released as yet.
- ✚ Minister Foley visited the school to speak with some former students receiving their results.
- ✚ TY trip to Delphi Activity Centre, Galway and surfing. TY Trip to Lake Garda in April approved.
- ✚ 1st Year trips to Splash Sports Castlegregory. 6th Year Trip to Ballyhass, Mallow
- ✚ Senior & Cadet basketball has commenced for boys and girls as have any of the school football teams.
- ✚ Our senior boy's football team will compete in the Corn Uí Mhuirí for the first time.
- ✚ Unique Schools have agreed to sponsor a set of basketball jerseys & shorts for our Junior & Minor teams. Have requested that our student council run a no-uniform day for Down Syndrome Ireland in return.
- ✚ Little or no internet access in school for more than 3 weeks due to HEAnet issues. Very disruptive for the start of the school year. Issues now resolved.
- ✚ New ICT service and maintenance contract going very well despite being hindered by the above issues.
- ✚ New Surface Gos purchased as part of Digital Strategy funding for 2022-23. Inc set for lunchtime/after school under disadvantaged access ICT grant.
- ✚ Staff Day (Croke Park) on Wednesday 28th September
- ✚ Open Evening will go ahead as normal this year on Thursday 27th October.
- ✚ Parents Association AGM – Monday 3rd October 2022
- ✚ BoM parents nominee election will be complete by the end of September so that names can be forwarded to CEIST for approval and ratification.
- ✚ DES correspondence – LAOS 2022-26, Irish Exemptions, Secretary's' Pay Scale
- ✚ SEC correspondence – LC Exams results, appeals, and viewing of scripts.
- ✚ NDFA/Rhatigan's – Still cannot find anyone to carry out an independent assessment of our roof issues. They are seeking advice from DES.
- ✚ CEIST correspondence – Forward Budget 2022-23 acknowledgement
- ✚ Enrolment draw panel agreed. The Board delegates to the principal the authority to appoint replacement personnel should any on the agreed list be unavailable on the specified date of draw.
- ✚ Financial report shared, discussed, and agreed.
- ✚ Increase in requests for places for Ukrainian students. 2nd Year cohort enrolment cap amended to 150. 1st Year cohort enrolment cap amend to 126. Current timetable as scheduled is able to absorb these increases without any impact on mainstream teacher allocation/resources. These year groups do not currently have applicants on waiting list.
- ✚ Appreciation to our two parent nominees on their last board meeting. Thank you for your time and dedication to our school community.
- ✚ Appreciation to our Chairperson as she leaves the board. She has been a huge source of support to the board, principal, and deputy principal. Gratitude expressed from Chairperson to the Board and all staff in Pres Milltown.