

St. Mary's Parish Primary School



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Agreed Report of Board of Management Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Management of St Mary's Parish School was held in the school on **9th April 2024 at 7pm.**
(Meeting deferred from March 19th)

Minutes: the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Teaching and Learning:

- Curricular Policies: Visual Art - reviewed and ratified
- Looking at our School (LAOS) - Anne gave an overview of the key areas of the LAOS (2022) document that are relevant to the Board of Management. It was agreed to:
 - Focus on equality of access in all policies (*immediate*)
 - Improve communication to all stakeholders on Health and Safety / Child Safeguarding issues. (*immediate*)
 - Remind staff about INTO 'Working Together' procedures and parents about the agreed grievance procedures. (*September*)
 - Review equitable access to resources, including Digital Learning resources (*September*)
 - Develop a clear vision for the school (*September*)

Organisational Issues:

- Anti-Bullying Policy - annual checklist was completed. Notification of same will be updated on school website
- Class Redistribution -. A draft policy on class redistribution was reviewed and agreed.
- Nurture Room / Outdoor classroom - it was agreed that the parents association fundraising should be dedicated to the development of a nurture room / outdoor classroom.

Principal's Report

- Active Schools: we continue with activities relating to an application for an Active Schools Flag. This is being coordinated by Mr B Kelly. We are currently doing a 'Run around the world.' Classes run laps of a 500 metre path around the school grounds. Our target is to jointly run 40,075km. Currently we have covered over 13,500km.
- Seachtain na Gaeilge ran from 11th - 15th march. Activities during the week were coordinated by Ms McMahon and we concluded the week with Lá Glas and a whole school assembly / ceolchoirm.
- Credit Union Quiz. U-11 Team represented the school in the Chapter level of the Credit Union Quiz. Well done to all on a great performance.
- FAI 5-a-side: Boys team made it to regional finals. Girls were unlucky not to make it through.
- Ms Lambe's 5th class took part in the Drogheda St Patrick's Day Parade. They worked with Droichead Arts Centre on a float with a theme of 'The Port'
- On March 7th we had our third meeting with the PLC Oide advisor. Our next meeting will be a half day closure on Wednesday 17th April. We have been assigned a date of May 24th for whole school training on primary maths curriculum. School will be closed to students on that day.
- BOM training has commenced for all members. Primarily targeted at new members, training will take place in March / April at venues in the diocese.
- Art Project - internal painting of motivational messages commenced over the Easter holidays. After Easter our 6th classes will work with St Mary's TY to paint the junior yard fence. We contacted national paint suppliers and have received 50 litres of paint from Crown paints.

- MIST testing with our senior infants took place in March.
- Thanks to the Parents Association for their work running our annual book fair in February. Approx €8000 in sales which equates to almost €5000 in rebates to the school which can be spent on books for our classes.
- Data Breach: John gave details of a data breach which occurred prior to the Easter break. It was immediately referred to the Data Commissioner and staff have been reminded of their responsibilities in terms of data protection.

Child Protection: John presented the Principal's Oversight Report to the Board.

Health and Safety:

Gerry outlined ongoing work with HSA guideline documents. He will meet with principal and staff AP1 with responsibility for H&S before the next meeting.

Student Council Report: none

Anti-Bullying Report: JW reported that all alleged cases of bullying were dealt with in accordance with the school's anti-bullying policy and DES Anti-Bullying Guidelines for Primary Schools.

Date of next meeting: Monday 27th May @7pm

SMPPS Board of Management

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