

# **The Teresian School Board of Management**

## **Agreed Report**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 7.00pm**

**Opening prayer:** The chairperson led the opening prayer.

**In Attendance:** Rosaleen Doherty (Chairperson), Leonard Howard, Ian O’Herlihy, Ines Neira, Elizabeth McCullough, Paul Slater, Gail Redmond, Vivienne Naughton and Anthony Carty (Secretary to the Board).

### **Initial Briefing - Chairperson**

Rosaleen Doherty as Chairperson welcomed all members to this first meeting of the new Board.

She presented a briefing for the new Board on the role and responsibilities of the Board of Management. Copies of the most recent *Manual for the Boards of Management of Voluntary Secondary Schools* were circulated. Forthcoming training will commence on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Copies of the *Protocol for a Board of Management re Communication* document were distributed and declarations of Acceptance were signed and submitted by appointees to the new Board.

The Chairperson informed the Board that the school has adopted the **Child Protection Policy** which was produced by the DES, this has proved to be satisfactory. Therefore the Board agreed to ratify our existing policy and renew it. Anthony Carty is the Child Protection Liaison Officer and Brenda Hynes is the Deputy Child Protection Liaison Officer. There were no issues on Child Protection to report.

Copies of our existing **Insurance Policy** were distributed. The Board agreed that Paul Slater would contact a quantity surveyor to assess our rebuilding costs to ensure that the School is adequately covered.

Maite Uribe, President of The Teresian Association, attended the meeting briefly and passed on her good wishes to the new Board. It was agreed that the Trustees would also attend a Board meeting later in the Year.

### **Minutes of last meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The minutes of this meeting were circulated, approved and signed.

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **Principal's Report**

The Principal outlined the achievements of our Leaving Certificate class of 2013 in terms of C.A.O. points achieved. 50% of the class achieved more than 500 points, this was noted by the Board as being particularly impressive. The Junior Certificate results were also commended.

The Principal informed the Board of our current student numbers. Strategies to attract and retain students were discussed.

Questionnaires relating to parental opinion on the school have been distributed to parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year parents. These results will be analysed and considered in due course.

In accordance with JMB advice, the Board gave permission for half days to be allocated for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year parent-teacher meetings.

The Principal notified the Board about a planned Open Day that is due to take place. Due to ASTI industrial action a decision must be reached at the next Board meeting whether or not it is feasible. The Board agreed on the Open Day's importance for future enrolment.

## **Consultation for the School Development Plan 2013-2019**

Discussion on the new Anti-Bullying policy will take place at the next meeting. The Minister for Education has stated that new policies need to be in place by Easter. As part of the new School Development Plan, the Special Needs Policy will also be reviewed.

**Agreed report** – the report was agreed and the meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

## **Next meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> November 2013