

The Teresian School Board of Management

Agreed Report

Monday 11th January 2016, 6.00pm

Opening prayer: The Chairperson, Rosaleen Doherty led us in prayer.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, approved and signed. Any matters arising were dealt with during the course of the meeting.

Principal's Report

- Mass was held in school for all staff and students for the Feast of the Epiphany. Fr John O'Connor, the Pallottine parish priest of Shankill, celebrated the Mass and his talk was very well received by the congregation.
- The Junior Hockey team reached the 'Premier' cup final in which they were defeated by Muckross.
- The musical 'Guys and Dolls' will be performed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.
- 'Wellbeing Week' will be held from Jan 18th to Jan 22nd. Our Pastoral Care Officer will coordinate a number of events.
- Four local schools will join The Teresian School on January 27th for talks by Roger Childs, RTÉ, and a speaker from the Irish Refugee Council as part of Catholic Schools Week. 5th Year will host the event.
- Santiago Bernal, Principal of Santa Teresa School in Alicante, will visit the school tomorrow.
- Sarah Cooney will receive her Ad Astra scholarship in UCD on January 28th and Anthony will attend the ceremony.
- The school had an incidental unannounced inspection by DES inspectors on the Friday before Christmas.
- The next PDST JCT Teacher secondment in Business will be on 28th January.
- Anthony stated that we needed to improve our administration system. He recommended VSWare. The system is tailored to Irish schools. The BOM discussed the proposal and approved on the understanding that it would be set up properly by the company and adequate training provided to the staff.
- Since this is an exceptionally short term with only 3½ weeks of school after the mid-term break the Board of Management agreed with Anthony's proposal that parents should get just a long report at the end of this term. Parents will be informed of this one off change and the reasons for it.

School Development Plan

After a meeting with the architect and trustees re costings and planning, the recommendation was that a planning application for the Junior school development could be ready by the end of January and one for the senior school by the end of February and should be proceeded with. Parents must be informed before a planning notice goes up outside school. The junior school development envisages remodelling of the existing building. The multipurpose room would disappear. Classrooms would be moved to ground level, kitchen and other facilities would be located downstairs. A lift would also be installed. The proposed plan was shown to the Board of Management and discussed. Preliminary plans for the senior school were unveiled and considered. Some amendments were suggested for the architect's consideration.

50th Anniversary

On 25th February four past pupils will speak at a meeting on Teresian education and a Teresian Association member will chair the meeting. There will also be a Question and Answer period. Preparations are ongoing for the Jubilee Dinner.

Finance Committee

There has been no meeting since December.

Child Protection/Anti – Bullying Report

There were no issues on bullying to report.

The issue of Child Protection mentioned in the last report is stable .

Agreed report – The report was agreed and the meeting ended at 7.30p.m.

Next meeting – The next meeting will take place on Monday 8th February at 6.00pm.