

The Teresian School Board of Management

Agreed Report

Monday 12th September 2016, 6.00pm

Opening prayer

The Chairperson, Rosaleen Doherty led us in a prayer of thanks to God for the work done by the Board of Management over the last three years.

Minutes

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

Principal's Report

- Our Leaving Cert results were excellent. 92% of students got 400+ points while 70% got 450+. These figures normally increase when recheck results are factored in. The average mark was the highest for the last four years. There has been little variation in top-class results over the last ten years. The Board of Management was delighted and asked that its congratulations and thanks be conveyed to the staff.
- Our enrolment for this year is 206.
- A meeting has been arranged for 6th year parents on the 22nd of September. Several post holders, Senior Management and class teachers will attend. A similar meeting will be arranged for 5th year parents.
- The Teresian Ethos Programme is up and running for senior students. 5th year Cairde have welcomed and are working with 1st years. Other 5th year opportunities (Peru, Lourdes, Faith Friends) will be put in place in due course.
- The Peru trip in June was a great success. The two adult volunteers had great praise for our students.
- David Passmore has been contacted to advance the proposed sports programme.
- Our sports camp in late August was extended to two days.
- The number of coaching sessions for Hockey have increased this year.
- A €200 fee for sports transportation is being collected to cover all journeys during the year.
- A Leaving Certificate after school Accounting class with 7 students is in operation for the first time.
- Two school tours have been confirmed: 2nd/3rd years to Barcelona, 5th/6th year to Rome, subject to numbers. The Barcelona trip has been offered and accepted by 40-45 students and is near capacity. Fees are being paid directly to the travel agent.
- We continue to implement VSWare and other functionality is being explored. Microsoft 365 is also being implemented.
- Thanks to the income from the Summer Fair teachers are now using laptops in school.
- We have changed ICT provider and have signed a one year contract with EVAD.

- Due to ASTI action no Croke Park hours can be arranged for this academic year. No pre-school staff day took place as a result. Meetings and parent/teacher meetings are affected. Three P/T meetings, 1st, 3rd, 6th, will be held outside of school hours. There is also an ASTI directive stating that teachers cannot participate in the preparation and examination of Junior Cycle language orals.

School Development Plan

Jubilee Project

Work is progressing satisfactorily and any school disruption is at an acceptable level. All the development is scheduled to be finished and ready for use by September 2017.

Policy Review

An Attendance and Punctuality document was distributed to parents. 70%-80% of the forms have already been returned.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has met.

DES Spanish Inspection

A draft report has just arrived from the DES following their investigation of the teaching of Spanish in the school and inviting Board of Management comments. The report is peppered with 'very goods' – the highest comment. The Board of Management was naturally very pleased. Suggestions for the inclusion of certain school activities in the report before publication will be submitted to the DES.

Anti-Bullying Report

Nothing to report.

Child Protection

Nothing to report.

Agreed report – The report was agreed and the meeting ended at 8.15p.m.

Next meeting – The next meeting is to be confirmed.