

The Teresian School Board of Management

Agreed Report

Monday 9th May 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

- We hosted the Teresian school, El Col-Legi, last week. 2nd year students were paired with Spanish students for a Howth walk on Friday and spoke Spanish throughout the day.
- We continue to implement VSWare and other functionality is being explored as the term progresses.
- Practical and Oral examinations have taken place and Art practicals are due to take place this week.
- TY performed their Shakespeare scenes for 2nd year and Class 6 at the end of April.
- 1st year option choices were due in today.
- Some TY students will attend two after-school career sessions for Accounting, starting on Thursday next. There will be an extra fee for this and a minimum of four students is necessary if a class is to form. The Board of Management emphasised that any fee paid for classes of this nature must be kept separate from normal school fees.
- The secondary teachers are currently working through the awards process for our students.
- Forms are due from TY students interested in 5th year opportunities such as Peru, Lourdes, Cáirde and Faith Friends and Interviews will follow.
- The Camino Tour was very successful and will probably be repeated.
- The Summer Fair on 23rd April was a great success and €12,082 was raised for a Common Room and ICT enhancements. 6th Year parents did a fantastic job and a Thank You email has been sent to them. The Family Day dimension with bouncy castles proved very popular and should be retained as part of the Fair.
- 5th years are working hard for Peru and have already raised a five-figure sum.
- School Self Evaluation (SSE): This involves gathering evidence from students and parents. Literacy and Numeracy sections have been completed and we can now move on to a School Improvement Plan.
- The Parents' Council AGM will take place this week.
- A number of proposals for School Tours for 2016-17 have been received and will be considered. We hope to have a Tours Schedule ready for parents before the summer.
- In conjunction with the Trustees we are working through a process of staff ethos training.
- Our present Class 6 and our new 1st Years will have an Activity evening in September to help integration.

- Our involvement with Junior Cycle for Teachers continues. There has been some clarification of plans for next year, subject to the resolution of IR issues.

Sports/Wellbeing Development

A parent is prepared to fund a professional consultant, David Passmore from DCU, to investigate the possibility of improving the overall wellbeing of both students and staff through sport as well as activities such as yoga or pilates. Our students tend to drop organised sport as they move into the higher classes. With the new hall we will have many exciting possibilities. Anthony and Rosaleen have met Mr Passmore. He would work with all stakeholders across the schools in terms of ascertaining their perspectives and potential. The Board of Management was happy to agree to this investigation. The school would also benefit from having a relationship with DCU.

Assistant Principal Posts

Wednesday is the closing date for applications and interviews will be held this term.

School Development Plan

- 19th May is the closing date for objections to our planning application.
- In June the architect will interview the builder and plan the programme. We hope to have one builder for the whole project. Furniture will be moved out of the Junior School on June 24th and work is scheduled to commence on June 27th.

50th Anniversary

Conor Kenny will speak about the project at the dinner.

50th Anniversary Book

A huge amount of work has gone into compiling this book. It has now gone to the printers. It will be a large hardback full colour production and will be sold for €25.

Policy Review

We have made a start on our Data Protection Policy.

In relation to our Child Protection Policy we still need to be certain that all our ancillary staff have been Garda vetted.

Anti-Bullying Report

Nothing to report.

Child Protection

Nothing to report.

Agreed report – The report was agreed and the meeting ended at 8.20p.m.

Next meeting – The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th June at 5.00pm.