

Board of Management Meeting

February 7th, 2023

Agreed Report

The Board began the meeting by thanking Fr. Derek for his fantastic contribution to our school and the wider school community. He has had a wonderful impact on the lives of the entire St. Joseph's community in recent years.

Management and Building Leadership Capacity

- The Board were updated on the progress of our *Framework for Wellbeing* which is being led by Ms. Donnelly. The board discussed the results of our recent staff and student surveys which show that staff feel supported by our leadership team and colleagues and can seek support if required. The Board were informed of the actions being undertaken in the school as part of the framework. These include.
- Increased information and training about mental well – being.
- Access to occupational health/professional health supports.
- Clarity regarding procedures and supports available for children presenting with mental health issues.
- Maintaining positive and supportive interpersonal staff relationships.
- Updating our Code of Behaviour
- Expectations for our pupils in terms of our school/in-class behaviours
- Seminars with all staff on aspects of childhood trauma and anxiety

School Extension

The board were updated on the planning meetings which have recently taken place regarding the design of our proposed school extension. They are pleased with the progress to date.

Health and Safety Updates

The Board reviewed and approved some minor additions and amendments to the following policies during our meeting.

- Health and Safety Audit/Risk Assessment

Ethos

- The Board were pleased to hear about our recent Communion and Confirmation ceremonies which were wonderful occasions for our school.
- They thanked Fr. Derek and all staff involved in making these uplifting community events so successful.

Community Relations

The Board were pleased to be informed that parents have recently been taking part in Gaeilge workshops with Ms. Thomas and Mr. Nelson and have also had an Irish Dancing class with Ms. Woods. Well done to all involved.

Treasures Report

An external accounts report was presented by our treasurer and the board were pleased to learn that the school's finances are in good order.

School Events

There are several people to thank and congratulate for their various achievements and contributions to school life in St. Joseph's in recent weeks.

- Mr. Nelson and the Gaeilge Team for organising an enjoyable *Seachtain na Gaeilge* in recent weeks. *Beatha teanga í a labhairt.*
- Ms. Cunningham and all staff involved in events for World Book Day
- Mr. Keenan, Mr O'Connor and all staff who helped make Sports-Hall Athletics such a massive success again in 2023.
- Mr. O'Connell for his fantastic work with our school quiz teams this year.
- School Student Council visit to Dublin's youth parade . Many thanks to Ms Kennedy on wonderful banners which were proudly displayed on the day.
- Ms O' Reilly, Ms. McGill and the girls G.A.A team who have played really well in some very competitive matches recently.
- Mr. Toner and all staff involved in the pre/after school clubs which are a huge part of life in our school.
- All staff involved in organising our Easter Hat Parade which returns on Friday and will be attended by parents for the first time since 2019.

Sr. Joan ended the meeting by expressing her gratitude to Ms. Roz and the entire staff of St. Joseph's. She praised the enthusiasm and work ethic of all staff and students and the positive learning environment that this creates in our school.