

Board of Management Agreed Report February 2024

St. Joseph's N.S.

Board of Management Meeting Agreed Staff Report 13th February 2024



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- The board were delighted to be informed that the remediation works on the new build would take place over Easter.
- The board were thankful to the AP1 team which led very effective department reviews of the Code of Behaviour policy.
- The board also wished to commend the AP2 team on their great leadership in the organisation of Catholic Schools Week, Every Child a Reader, Weather Project, Seinm, Peace Proms, Student Council agreement and the creative art fish project. The board was delighted to hear of the great atmosphere of creativity and support around the school.
- The board wished to thank the AP1 team and the SET teachers who facilitated the release of staff for an in-school seminar relating to working with ACE children- children with adverse childhood experiences.
- The board was grateful to Mr. Nelson for his presentation and analysis of whole school Gaeilge during a recent staff meeting. The board were particularly delighted to hear of the improvements across all areas of Gaeilge and that new targets have been set for speaking, reading and writing.
- The board was pleased to hear that the staff meeting included work on the health and safety risk assessment review, with a particular focus on school tours, classroom and corridor safety.
- The board particularly commended the work of the health and safety team on the completion of the health and safety whole-e school risk assessment.
- The board was pleased to hear that Catholic Schools week was such a success, with Grandparents Day well attended by families in Senior Infants and 1st class.
- The board were delighted to hear that the new SNA post was fulfilled by Sasha Kindlon and wished her all the best in her new post.
- The board was pleased to be informed of the increase in admissions for junior infant classes
- The board was pleased to hear that the staff completed a major review of the code of behaviour at a recent staff meeting. The board are looking forward to the review of the student council and the parents association.
- The board approved the following policies: Administration of Medicine, Substance Use Policy, Protected Disclosure Policy, Intimate Care Policy and Healthy Eating Policy.
- The treasurer was happy with the accounts which were all in order and transparent to all members of the Board.
- 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. McEntee for co-ordinating a very successful flag day and church gate collection which raised an estimate of €2,000. He was also supported by 22 staff members and 21 parents/guardians.
 - Ms. Cunningham for her work during Catholic Schools Week and Grandparents' Day.
 - Mr. Keenan for his organisation of Seinm.
 - Ms. Manning for her work with the choir for the Dublin Peace Proms.

- Ms. Thomas for arranging a parent bus for the Peace Proms and organising of mosaic parent workshops.
- The board were pleased to hear a presentation from the Student Council during the board meeting. During this presentation the students outlined some of their concerns regarding the Code of Behaviour Policy. The board were also pleased to hear of their plan to raise money for UNICEF through a planned pyjama day in school.