



Board of Management Meeting

06.03.2024

Agreed Report.

- A. The Board notes the ongoing construction of new homes in the locality, the large volume of applications for additional residential units to the local authority and the coming to market of more development sites. The Board recognises that this situation is likely to have a very significant impact on the school and forward planning is required. The Board will engage with relevant developers to identify the proposed commencement/ completion dates.
- B. Following a recent evaluation of potential suppliers, the Lunch Bag has been selected as the preferred Hot Meals supplier. The Hot Meals programme will be launched on the week beginning 8th April with the first delivery of meals on Monday 15th April.
- C. Training relating to Health & Safety (e.g. first aid/ first responder, administration of medication, manual handling etc.) is to be arranged in the coming months.
- D. The Board recognises the importance of providing a safe place for learning and work for all members of the school community. School policies and procedures are in place to support this provision.
- E. From Easter, there will be a change to the school supplier of hygiene supplies.
 - a) World Book Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge are celebrated across the school this month. Additional hurling/ camogie and rugby coaching are provided during to all pupils of selected classes too. The Artist in School Scheme is also running this year. It has been a busy period with the school participating in a variety of inter-school competitions: hurling/ camogie; Féile na hInse; basketball. The Board welcomes these activities and recognises the contributions of school employees who manage and oversee these opportunities for children.
- F. Quotations for the Photovoltaic Panel Scheme have been received and will be forwarded to the Department.
- G. School facilities continue to be used by local community groups, including the Community Games, Parish and GAA Club. The school's Patron and Trustees have set out conditions around the use of the school's facilities by other parties.



- H. A number of committees have been established, or are soon to be established, to assist with the leadership and management of specific areas, including but not limited to:
- Well-Being Promotion Committee
 - Assessment Committee
 - Social Committee
 - Health & Safety Committee
 - School Leasing Committee
 - Digital Technology & Learning (I.T.) Committee
 - Coiste Gaeilge
 - Various Committees re Extra-Curricular Activities
 - Anti-Bullying Committee
- I. Re-vetting of school personnel has been completed.
- J. A summary report of attainments in standardised tests of reading and maths shows attainments significantly above the national norm.
- K. The Board notes the PA Committee's intention to pursue a 'Smartphone Voluntary Code' initiative with the parent body.
- L. A new school website is in development.
- M. School tours are currently being finalised. A framework for school tour destinations is to be developed with effect from 2024/ 25 school year.
- N. The Board considers it wholly unacceptable that the school's allocation of SET support teachers (up to 30 hours per week) for next year has been reduced by the NCSE/ Department of Education. The Board is concerned about the impact on the level of additional support available to pupils and the pressures on school staff. Parents/ families and staff members are encouraged to lobby public representatives/ politicians on this matter.

On behalf of the Board of Management, Sixmilebridge N.S.