

Board of Management Meeting Reports

BoM Meeting December 10th 2024

Principal's Report

Sincere condolences were expressed to the family of Iulian Denes on his recent sudden death.

Parent Teacher meetings were held in November. Principal Olivia Flannery acknowledged the hard work put in by all the staff, the excellent attendance by parents and guardians and thanked the BoM for providing lunch on both days for the staff. The partnership between parents and the school is very positive.

Parents' Partnership recent events include the Hallowe'en Disco, Santa's Visit, wreath making, crafts and Indian cooking lessons. PP funding was allocated for swimming lessons for 4th Class and also for four benches and eleven picnic tables for the yards. Thanks was expressed to the Parents' Partnership for these fantastic additions.

Outdoor trails and active learning were features of the recent Maths Week organised with thanks to Ms. Jane Byrne.

Community Policing Sergeant Alan Commins visited for Hallowe'en safety.

A new Student Council was formed with representatives from 3rd to 6th classes.

In Sport 6th Class girls went to Sligo Rugby Club for a Blitz, there were plenty of Gaelic football matches for both teams and the boys reached the final of the Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7s competition. The boys also reached the semi final of the hurling and the girls progressed to the quarter final stages of the camogie.

Ms. Claire Campbell's 5th Class from 2023-24 were nominated for a Cathaoirleach's Award and received a certificate in the Heritage and Irish Language Category. Harry Harnesse was nominated and received a certificate in the Spirit of Sligo Category, for dancing in the World Championships.

Mr. David Dillon is teaching in our school every Friday (Ukrainian Hours). Four teachers, Ms. Andrea Bourke, Ms. Claire McNally, Ms. Anna Murphy and Ms. Orla Gilligan have been trained in the Rainbows Programme, for children affected by bereavement or separation/divorce. Ms. Olivia Flannery and Ms. Andrea Bourke attended the Cinealtas Anti Bullying seminar.

A vaccine clinic facilitated by Lannon Allcare Pharmacy was held for Staff and pupils in October.

Our NEPs Psychologist Mary Rooney has been on three scheduled visits.

Finance

Reconciliation Statements were provided for September and October.

Living our Ethos and Teacher's Report

Teacher Representative Ms. Claire Furey thanked Fr. Pat for his generous donation towards classroom sacred spaces. Two staff members, Ms. Claire Furey and Ms. Orla Gilligan are currently undergoing the Comhair CPD course for Assistant Principals. Claire commended the children who led the rosary at the recent Light the Fire event in St. Anne's Church.

Building Works

Olivia briefed the Board on the Solar Panel Scheme available to schools. Four companies have tendered to date. Board member Sean McGowan will review to ensure the needs of our larger building can be met by the proposed number of solar panels quoted for.

Representatives from the Department of Education and their chosen Project Management Company, KSNPM, visited our school last Monday, December 9th, to investigate a suitable location to install modular classrooms. They also examined classrooms 1-4 for re-configuration. A proposal will issue to us for acceptance. Initially three modular classrooms were requested but this was increased to four during the visit.

Policy Ratification

The following policies were reviewed and ratified:

Health and Safety Statement

Critical Incident Policy

Additional Educational Needs Policy

Stay Safe Programme

Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy

Visual Arts Policy

Whole School History Plan

Special Class Admissions Policy

AOB

Storm Darragh damaged the Fire Alarm Panel which needs to be replaced immediately at a cost of e2,150. Our school insurance will cover this.