

AGREED BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES				
Meeting Date:	13 th May 2014	Time:	8.00pm-10.30pm	
No	Decision			
1.	Assembly to be organised to discuss anti-bullying policy with children. Bag note announcing anti-bullying policy consultation to be sent .Whole school consult for anti-bullying policy to be launched.			
2.	Catherine to survey parents (including incoming parents) on infant club/after school club			
3.	Green committee/Principal to decide on special event to mark 2nd green flag award			
4.	Liam to draft letter to DES re 2 nd level school and send (to DES/Minister)			
5.	Duties of extra post of responsibility will be focused on Special Educational Needs unit. Outline of duties agreed.			
6.	One-day closure of school for whole-staff SEN training will be booked to add onto half-term break in October if possible			
7.	E.T.AGM motions voted on (noted separately). Liam to attend AGM on behalf of BoM			
8	Yard budget to be discussed with PAC with a view to agreeing works to be done during summer			
9	New consent form (part of new parent "induction") approved for use			

10.	Manual handling training for SNAs to be scheduled for next year.
11	Review homework policy
12	Review 6-year plan
13	Post of Responsibility duties to be posted in staff room, posted to teachers on career break by registered post
14	Liam to ask Fiona to post Anti-bullying policy online

Principal's Report

Pupils

- Enrolment is now 347.
- We have almost finalised the acceptances to the 2 new Infant classes, and invitations have been sent to both classes to visit the school on the 22nd and 23rd of May. The parents of our new Special Class have been included in this invitation.

Staff

Drew attended two days of Special classes training run by the SESS during the week of Joseph. Percent for Art: Catherine Boothman and I were liaising over the Easter Holidays in order to ensure the invitations to the 4 proposed artists went out on time. To date, only one artist has visited the school.

Emmet and I will meet the Per Cent For Art Committee again in order to decide on a Selection Panel.

- Suzanne Cox (SNA) will return to work on June the 16th, which means that Rose Harte, who has been substituting for her, will be leaving.
- Big Thank You to all the staff, without exception (apart from illness) who attended on the Joseph evenings to help out.
- The new cleaner, Darina, has started on a schedule.
- I attended an SESS training day in Portlaoise for the opening of the new Unit on Thursday the 8th May.
- Claire O Hara prepared a terrific Powerpoint presentation for a series of 6 meetings with Infant parents who need to put the Forward Together Programme in place with their children. Claire now meets with them every Tuesday morning and explains the handwriting and phonic lessons they need to do at home with their child. Claire has also done a lot of planning for a series of 'Early Intervention' lessons with the Infant classes, due to begin, shortly.
- Very few parents turned out for the Cyber Bullying evening in the school. No 6th class parents, in particular. Thank you to Pat Cusack for facilitating.

Curriculum

- Swimming is proceeding this term with Helen's First Class.
- The curriculum plan for Music has been put in progress, but the main area of planning is now for the 3 year improvement plan for Literacy.
- The work done by the Active Flag team gave the children much more access to time and resources for physical activity .This will be written into our P.E. planning.
- Standardised testing of English and Maths will be carried out in two weeks time and the results published to the Board, as per last year.

Buildings

We may need to apply for an emergency grant to facilitate accommodating another Resource teacher in the new year. I am considering the Disabled toilet at the Infant Entrance, which has a window and could easily be converted by removing the toilet. However, we may end up using the small 'windowless' room in the Unit classroom

Events

- The Joseph productions turned out to be more than we had hoped for, both from an enjoyment and production point of view.
- The Ethos Forum has had two more meetings.
- The After Schools Chess club finished up for the year today with awards for the children.
- The Staff are already started preparing for the huge Multicultural Day on the 29th May. A lot of parents will be involved e.g. in Jacqui's class (otherwise known as Japan!) one parent will be teaching Origami to the children and another will be giving them their names in Japanese.
- The last Pupils' Assembly was on Friday the 9th May. Third class were very excited about it.
- All school trips have been organized.
- Two teachers and 2 students will travel to Dublin for the presentation in An Taisce of our second Green Flag.

Students

Two teachers have Teaching Practice students on placements for a period of time this term. We are also expecting a Eureka College student from USA until the end of June (Kelly Masters).

Special Class

A sub-committee has been established, comprising of two teachers, one board member, one parent and one P.A. member, who minutes .This committee will keep ongoing contact between the school and the external necessary agents e.g. HSE, for supports like O.T. and Speech and Language.

Learn Together

A new Two Year calendar has been formulated by the staff and sent to the Forum, to be published on the school website.

Other

- The P.A. have decided to opt for a different photo company this year. The P.A. was hoping that all classes could be photographed, but this would take up too much time, so we are opting for Infant and 6th and every alternate year group.
- An enterprise workshop will be presented to 6th class on the 13th May by Wicklow Enterprise Company.
- Standardised testing, Infant Vaccinations and New Infant Inductions will all be happening on the week of the 19th May.
- GDK will visit all classes f.o.c. on Wednesday the 28th May to give instruction on the use of the interactive whiteboards.
- Tuesday morning 27th May is the morning we hope to have our public opening of the library. We have invited Jackie Burke, a local children's writer to do the opening.
- The water was off every morning last week and Ben took such great care of the situation by turning off the boiler every night etc. He was also called out 4 times in one evening for alarms and twice late at night one other evening. He has solved this problem with Merrion Securities.