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Board of Management Meeting of St. Patrick's College Lacken Cross on
27th of November 2024 at 7pm

Those Present: (Acting Chairman), Patrick Lynn (Parents' Representative), Aisling Bourke (Parents' Representative), (ative).), Brian Jennings (Principal), Barbara Mitchell (T.U.I.) and Michael Bolger (T.U.I.).

Apologies were received from Sean Carey (Community Representative) and David Alexander (Chairman).

Welcome

The Secretary of the Board, Brain Jennings, welcomed the new Board.

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Barbara Mitchell and seconded by Michael Bolger.

The Board were given a handout on the school to give background to the current relevant issues.

The handout included a list of staff, school calendar, school admissions and school attendance. There was also a spreadsheet detailing the number of bus trips out from the school since September. Also contained in the pack was a list of Senior Cycle Career Guidance talks as well as JC & LC results and participation rates. The Board was taken through each of the headings and it was discussed in detail.

The Principal informed the Board of the retirement of Ms. Cuffe and the Board wished her all the best in her retirement. Ms Hanley has taken over in her post in the English Department.

The school is currently having issues in replacing our SNA. We are hoping to have someone in place in the New Year.

There were no Matters Arising.

Correspondence

There has been a curricular concerning the introduction of a new SPHE curriculum. There has been some correspondence from Belong a body concerned with LGBTQ+ . New anti-Bullying procedures have been introduced recently, Bi Cinealta. There will be a half days training in the Spring.

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Provision mapping is a strategy being introduced to all ETBI schools. It involves the strategies being directed at Special Needs students. How can we improve what we do already in regard to helping our students with educational needs. The TUI were demonstrating outside the school about the introduction of the new Senior Cycle syllabus.

All second level schools were closed recently as part of a cluster day.

There are 2 AP2 positions available within the school which will be filled during the year.

The Principal was also involved in CPD training around DEIS planning and Well-Being.

Policies

The Principal sought permission from the Board to suspend students for up to 3 days. The motion was proposed by Michael Bolger and seconded by Patrick Lynn.

The Principal read out the Child Protection Oversight report for the period 24/4/24 to 27/11/24. There were 2 mandated reports since the last Board meeting. The report was signed by the Principal.

The Principal's Report

The Principal started with news of the Hackathon, a STEM initiative involving some of the IPAS students, in which they won 200 euro. Also, our TY girls were involved with students in association with ATU Castlebar & Maynooth University in a coding course.

The school Talent show will be held in the next week and the Principal invited all members of the Board to attend.

The school has been busy as usual in the sporting field. There has been soccer for both boys and girls. The girls have reached the Connacht u15 final while Caoimhe O'Donnell (2nd year student) has represented Connacht this year. The girls gaelic team is participating in a new ETB league, the Bay League, with other ETB schools in the area.

There have been 3 Parent teacher Student meetings so far this year with another one (2nd & 5th Years) next week. There were also 3 staff meetings since September.

Each week the Senior Management team meets as well as the Student Support Team which includes the SENCO and Ms. McGuinness, the Guidance teacher and the Home School Liaison Officer, Ms. Fleming. During each of these meetings the teams discuss students who may need any additional supports.

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Financial Report

The current financial report was shown to the Board and discussed.

AOB

The Board agreed that an Agreed report would be given by the Principal to all the stakeholders.

The date for the next meeting was agreed. It will be held on January 15th 2025.

This concluded the meeting.

Chairperson of Board of Management

