

# **Board of Management 2020/21**

## **Report**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Welcomed Trevor to BOM

### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

- Agreed

### **2. Matters Arising from minutes**

- Enrolments will be discussed in principal's report

### **3. Correspondance**

- Emails from Educate Together
- No correspondence directly to BOM through principal

### **4. Principal's report**

- Dept inspection sent out to school – received
  - Designated Liaison Person sign has been moved
  - Cian and John received email
  - Should have been sent to PTA also
- Winter Concert
  - DES issued statement saying concerts in person cannot happen 2 days prior to our school's concert
  - No online concert from school
    - Main concerns re: GDPR and parental permission
  - We want to create policy around virtual events in collaboration with parents
  - Next BOM meeting policy to be ratified
- Schools haven't re opened
  - Remote learning is taking place

- Ruth 1 hour online class daily
- Cian 1 hr 15 min online class daily
- Both providing videos on Seesaw for families to access at anytime
- We will look for feedback from parents/ children in coming days/ weeks
- DES
  - Had instructed all SEN staff to come in 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 18<sup>th</sup> Jan this was revoked
  - Our school had proposed Tues, Wed, Fri for two children with SEN
  - One shared support teacher who does SET (Special Education Teaching) Tues, Wed, Fri
  - Cian to continue Admin day on Thurs
  - Both families were happy with proposed arrangement
  - On site, Niamh, Azu and Sheila
    - Ruth or Cian on site as standby for Child Protection Issue
  - Not all members will be in classroom together – children will be moving around as needed (movement breaks). Timetable created to ensure safety
  - Staff will have breaks in our school not HTETNS building (as would happen normally)
- Enrolments
  - Approx 140 applications
  - 20 acceptances for Junior Infants 2021
  - Some refusals
  - Hannah is in contact with parents re:enrolments
  - Potentially 2 more children joining current Senior Infant class next year
  - Enrolments for this Senior Infant class is still open for applications
- Visit from SENO
  - Ophelia decides SNA allocation
  - School was granted 0.88 hours from 0.66 hours
- PTA Fundraisers
  - Winter Cards and coin collection
  - €1700 was raised

- BOM wish to thank PTA for substantial amount raised
- Email of thanks to be sent out
- Kids Inc
  - Applied to use site during lockdown
  - Not granted – as school is not re-open. Nobody on site.
- Account
  - Eoin Brennan “Upper Third Accountant”- Accountant from Waterford
  - Going to audit our finances for the foreseeable
- HXGrow
  - Niamh Padraig, Cian met HXGrow before winter break
  - Possible links with group could be set up in the future
- Accommodation
  - Niamh, Cian, Padraig met with Tony McDermott and Paula Russell
  - Discussed planning going forward re: traffic/ pedestrian access
  - The Three schools are going to write to Dept of Health/ Dub City Council to seek clarity why didn’t set up before school plans pedestrian/ traffic management plans for school
  - Important to keep communication open with members of the community
- HXGrow Part II
  - Community group to teach people how to grow fruit veg plants in the community
  - Donal O’Laoire and Brian McGowan
  - They would like to provide support to schools eg education about flowers, plants etc

## **5. School Yard**

- Once restrictions are lifted, yard will be painted by Hiline Markings
- Francesco and Alex (HCETSS) worded with pupils before winter break
  - Children in secondary school painted walls and worked with HXETNS Infants when planting bulbs

## **6. Child protection – Mention that board have to meet physical meet to discuss child protection.**

- No CP issues
- Before Christmas, DES noted that any CP matters cannot be discussed on Zoom
- Must be discussed in person (4 members)

## **7. Treasurer's report**

- Reported by Sarah

## **8. Accommodation – email**

- Ongoing correspondence with DES in relation to accommodation
- No further updates
- Awaiting for details from Dept

## **9. Date of next meeting**

- 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm
- Final meeting will be decided at next meeting
- John mentioned emergency meeting could be called if needed at time of re-opening of schools