

Board of Management 2021/22

Meeting - Minutes

Date: 19th January 2022

- Minutes of last meeting
 - All agreed
- Matters Arising
- Correspondence
 - Email from Forsa
 - Re: FFP2 masks, Covid safety, HEPA filters, remote Croke Park hours etc
- Policies
 - Intimate Care Policy
 - BOM approve
- Principal's report
 - Winter concert
 - Each class did a recording of a performance and uploaded to Seesaw
 - Covid 19
 - Lots of cases confirmed throughout school from November to January for both staff and children
 - Some Covid prevention measures currently in place:
 - FFP2 masks available in school for all staff
 - HEPA filters and CO2 monitors in each classroom

- Well ventilated classrooms
- PTA
 - Winter card fundraiser in December
 - €700 raised
 - Money raised will go towards purchasing iPads
- ICT Grant
 - €5000 before Christmas – unexpected at this time of year
 - School will purchase 10 iPads, covers and charging case from Compub
 - 6 Beebots – bumblebee shaped robots for children to use to learn simple coding and mathematical techniques
- Digital Strategy
 - Staff in the process of forming strategy for technology in classroom
 - Plan will be complete in the coming months
- Phone system for school
 - 2 Landline phones have been ordered
 - One for Hannah's office, one for Cian's
 - Flex (company name) €96 per month for 5 years - €36 after this
- Parent Teacher Meetings
 - Remotely this year via Zoom
 - Will take place week before February midterm
- Afterschool activities
 - Beginning again first week of February
- Child protection
 - N/A

- Treasurer's report
 - SS gave treasurer's report
 - SS, Cian and Hannah in consultation with FSSU
 - Cian discussed that maths, science, musical equipment will be purchased in the coming months. Some of these purchases will be once-off and will not need replacing for many years eg good quality percussion instruments
 - PTA are happy to fund some equipment to begin building up our educational resources
 - JL suggested setting up a yearly fund for educational and specialised equipment?
 - School will create listed of specialised educational equipment and list will be brought to BOM at next meeting
- Kids Inc
 - Afterschool company
 - Children are currently in one classroom
 - They contacted Cian recently hoping to rent another classroom in the school
 - BOM approve – will rent out a second class for Kids Inc
- New ASD class - discussed
- Outdoor space – Donation to secondary school
 - HCETSS putting in outdoor classroom
 - Most likely to be near gate into racetrack/ behind Niamh's class beside the tree
 - Pdraig explained plans for outdoor classroom
 - Sheltered area for up to 30 pupils
 - HCETSS want to invite NS to make use of this area too
 - BOM very happy to donate €1000

- Accommodation
 - Bord Pleanála: decision should be made by 15th Feb
 - Ciaran Dunne from DES visited the school
 - He didn't know why the decision was made yet
- AOB
 - Francesco mentioned Green Schools and tech for classroom
 - Cian to chat with relevant staff re: Green Schools and technology in classroom
- Agreed report
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- Date of next meeting
 - Hoping to have an in-person meeting
 - Wednesday 23rd March 7pm