

**BANDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**  
**REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON**  
**28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020**

The meeting took place by Zoom conference call.

The Chairperson thanked the Principal and all the staff for their ongoing remote schooling, school assemblies and the huge fundraising effort by the staff supporting frontline carers in these incredibly challenging circumstances.

The date of the Leaving Certificate, its suitability or not was discussed and the need to try and keep all the students focused in these unprecedented times. The Principal informed the Board of the procedures put in place since Easter for distance learning, assessment, pastoral care and communication. Weekly meetings of the senior management team, of teaching staff, of tutor groups and of the Pastoral Care Team are taking place. Necessary office cover is being maintained to keep all possible services and communication operational. Special Education support continues remotely and Revd Skuse's weekly assembly messages have been uplifting.

The new Enrolment Policy was discussed, the Principal had a long telephone conversation with JMB legal official who recommended a few minor changes, these changes were made, and the document signed off on for referral to the Patron.

The ICT Acceptable User Policy was discussed and an amendment added relating to the large increase in online teaching and meetings.

No report from the Parents Representative Association.

School Enrolments- This year introductory meetings are not possible so online communication is to be used for both incoming First Years and enrolments to other years. Boarding schools are combining to share information and advice including that from the Boarding Schools Association. Public Health Guidelines from the state are awaited. The possible complications of a re-opening procedure for boarders and day pupils was discussed.

Staff: Leave applications and withdrawals were considered. Curricular needs for a possible teaching vacancy were agreed. The Board heard details of the implementation of use of the state support schemes. Some ancillary staff are placed on the Covid 19 Salary Support Scheme and a number for whom there is no work available are placed on the temporary lay-off scheme.

The FFSU issued further guidelines confirming that schools are eligible to place privately funded staff on either scheme as appropriate. A half SENO post has been advertised.

Date of next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020