

Report of the Board of Management Meeting Held on 3 September 2019

Seven members were in attendance with one apology.

Correspondence was considered including the mechanism for oversight of accounts sent from the Financial Services section of the JMB.

The chairperson thanked Mr Bradfield for his oversight on all the summer works undertaken on the boarding accommodation, lights for Hockey Pitch 2, new office space and plans for another Science laboratory.

In the Principal's report reference was made to achievements by many pupils over the summer including international appearances in hockey, a medal winning performance in the International Economics Olympiad in Russia and first place in the International World Statistics Congress 2019 Poster Competition.

Curricular developments in the Junior Cycle to comply with the Wellbeing Programme has included the addition of a module of Philosophy and of Guidance classes. The senior RSE curricular component has been updated and a 6 lesson module is being delivered to all class groups by one teacher over the year.

The Board examined a Leaving Certificate results analysis and expressed satisfaction and congratulations on the excellent outcomes.

The school is to get further advice on GDPR compliance at an upcoming training seminar.

Circular 0053/2019 on new rules for granting Irish exemptions was considered.

The Board noted several recent bereavements to families in the school community and asked the secretary to send condolences.

A past-pupils social event is planned for Saturday 28th September in the school dining hall.

There was no matter of Child Protection to report. The Board devoted the major part of the meeting to a thorough review of Child Protection procedures and practice using the standard template documents and questions. On the retirement of Ms M. McCarthy-O'Brien as DDLP, Ms S. Macken has been approved as DDLP in her place.

The Parents Representative Association has held a successful pre-Debs Reception for the outgoing Sixth Years and their families along with the used uniform sale in June and a coffee morning with incoming new parents.

Enrolment figures were circulated.

New staff appointments were approved and substitutions noted. A short Parental Leave, an extended Parental Leave and an emergency Career Break were granted approval.

The schedule of staff meetings and parent/teacher meetings for the year was updated and approved.

The next meeting will be held on 8th October at 7.00p.m.