

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2019

There was a full attendance of members.

The Science department wrote to the Board to thank it for prioritising the construction of a new laboratory. The Board approved the proposal to seek corporate sponsorship for that.

The Chairperson thanked the staff for their work in preparing pupils for State Examinations and wished all the students good luck.

The Principal's report referred to changes to State Examinations practices including digitisation of some marking and a quicker Leaving Certificate appeals process.

Three achievements of particular note were related

- Transition Year team teaching senior citizens ICT skills have been named 'Tutor School of the Year'
- Two Sixth Year students won silver and bronze medals in the Irish Economics Olympiad and next represent Ireland in the world finals at St Petersburg
- Numerous athletics achievements included an Irish Schools Athletics Gold medal for **Aisling Cassidy** in the Senior Triple Jump.

A speaker for Prize Day was nominated and will be invited as guest of honour. Discussion of Sports Day changes produced proposals for more parental and student involvement in the coming year.

The Development Committee reported on the summer repairs and renewals programme and three large projects:

- Fitting out a new Science laboratory
- Providing a new office and filing room
- Phase 1 of the new hockey pitch 2 lighting.

Subject department budgets were examined and sums were approved for the general budget and ICT budget. Policies on Countering Bullying, Homework and Internet Safety – Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) were considered and amended before being approved.

The Board is conducting its annual review of Child Protection risks and procedures. A report will be submitted for the September meeting. There was a Nil report on all headings for the statutory report.

The Parents Representative Association has discussed the changes to after-school study for next school year and noted with regret the reasons for those changes.

The annual Swap Shop sale will be held on Thursday 27 June and the Pre-Debs Reception on 8th August.

The Careers Day is moved to spring 2020 on advice from the Guidance Counsellor.

Catering improvements were commended and the use of disposable cups, plates and cutlery for parent events is to be discontinued.

The Board was updated on the energy conservation campaign and on enrolments for August.

Staff: The report by post holders on their areas of responsibility were circulated. The review of the post structure is to be facilitated by Dr Margaret O'Donovan in September. New appointments and re-appointments were presented to the Board and approved. Substitutes employed in May were named and approved.

The next meeting will be on 3rd September 2019.