

Report on the Board of Management Meeting

8th October 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd September and of Special Meetings held on 16th and 24th September were considered and approved.

Negotiations between fee charging secondary schools and the Department of Education & Skills regarding school contributions to State salaries are continuing.

The Chairperson congratulated staff and pupils on excellent Junior Cycle results. She also praised the Senior Boys Hockey squad on qualifying for the All Ireland tournament and thanked Ms Harrington and organisers of the successful Past Pupils social evening. Mr Bradfield and grounds staff were thanked for the ongoing 'summer works' programme and helping to fulfil our development goals.

The Principal's report referred to the Spanish Exchange to Madrid, Music trip to see 'Grease' at the Bord Gais Theatre, participation at World Action Day on Climate Change, representation at the academic year commencement service at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, the Ploughing Championship and recent academic and sporting achievements. The discipline and Child Protection reports were presented to the Board. The Board discussed and approved a revised Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment questionnaire with procedures.

The Parents Association Committee report covered activities for the year, fundraising ideas, concern about discontinuation of evening study (now restored for Leaving Certificate students), COMPASS and the upcoming AGM on October 18th.

A survey on catering is underway and the Food Council and a representative of the directors are in regular liaison with the catering department.

The school pupil enrolment stands at a stable 677 pupils and applications for 2020 are high.

Staff appointments and substitution cover employed where approved.

Under A.O.B. the Board role as GDPR data controller was outlined. Consideration for an official opening of Hockey Pitch 2 was raised and the Board was notified of the intention to hold our triennial charity soccer marathon.

Mr Bradfield was complimented on landscaping of that new area.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday 5th November at 7.00p.m.