

Bandon Grammar School
Board of Management Meeting on 23 November 2020
Agreed Report

The meeting was held by video conference.

It was the first meeting of the new Board and all members signed the Articles of Management.

MINUTES of the meeting of September 29th were approved.

The Chairperson thanked the Chairperson of the Board of Directors (Patron nominee) for overseeing the board formation process, and the Parents Representation Association and teaching staff for completing the nominations in the restricted circumstances of the Covid pandemic. The Chairperson wished the members well for the three year term of office and hoped that it would become a more normal task as the 2021 year unfolded.

The **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** referred to achievements by students including three awards from the Texaco Art Competition and 3 projects approved for the online B.T. Young Scientist Competition exhibition in January. He reported on the Leaving Certificate written examinations proceedings and plans for quarantine of international students returning after Christmas. The HSE advice and contact training service for schools has been upgraded and we have found the service excellent recently.

A draft Critical Incident Policy was considered and passed as amended.

A report on disciplinary sanctions was received.

The Child Protection Report was deferred to the next in-person meeting.

ENROLMENT: Offers of places for 2021 to First Year have been made under the new procedures. The waiting list will be followed once vacancies arise.

PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION: The PRA has formed a new committee with Mrs Grainne Murphy-Middleton in the chair. The committee has continued to formulate fundraising ideas for development. A new Bandon Cookbook is among the ideas and the Board warmly assented to proceeding with planning for it. The PRA also asked for ideas on how to assist the school in the current climate. Enhancing communication including updating material on the school website was agreed upon.

Approval was given for employment of a substitute teacher, extension of two leaves and the appointment of Ms Carena McCarthy as an Assistant Principal 1. Substitutes employed through the online claims system were noted.

Mr Collins raised the possibility of grants for some of our sports facilities through Covid mitigation measures. This was referred on to the Finance Committee.

NEXT STANDARD MEETING – 11 January 2021 at 7:00p.m.