

Agreed Statement of 4th B.O.M. Meeting for the Academic Year 2022/23

A meeting of the Board of Management took place on Monday 12th December.

1. Opening Prayer

1.1 The meeting opened with a prayer

2. Minutes

2.1 The adoption of the minutes for the meeting of 8th November was proposed, seconded, agreed by the Board and signed by the chairperson.

3. Matters Arising

4.1 There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

5.1 A list of **Events & Department of Education circulars** was circulated to Board members.

5. Child Protection

6.1 Principal made Child Safeguarding Oversight report to the Board.

6. Bullying Report

7.1 There are no reports of bullying currently under investigation

8. Finance

8.1 **Annual Accounts for 2021/22**– draft accounts are being prepared for the accountant

8.2 **Financial Statements to end of October** were circulated and income and expenditure are on target for this time of the school year.

8.3.1 **The Board ratified the following recommendations of the sub-committee for finance**

- Repurposing of changing area off Assembly to a gym area and purchase of gym equipment subject to 3 quotations being sought
- Purchase of two mobile Credit Card Readers (one to include issue of receipts)

9 School Development Planning

9.1 **Board of Management Review**

Priorities:

- Continue progress on the Additional Accommodation project
- Focus finances on programme/s (sport/music/extracurricular) that would enhance the student experience in Holy Faith including wellbeing and emotional health of students and staff.
- Encouraging ongoing development of staff e.g. through financial assistance for relevant external courses.
- Continue communication and dialogue with all stakeholders including teachers, students and parents and continue to promote channel for suggestions on how to improve all aspects of school life and address the feedback obtained.
- Update of the school website.
- Celebration of 75th anniversary in 2025.

9.2 **Teaching and Learning** – current focus for school improvement is as follows

- Study feasibility of one hour classes 2023/24
- Assessment for Learning
- Evaluation of use of ITC in Teaching and Learning to include survey of staff, students and parents. Participation in EU Digital Award Programme promoting, recognising and rewarding the effective use of Digital Technology in schools

9.3 **Wellbeing** – as part of School Self Evaluation, to identify and reflect on the impact of COVID-19 on students' educational experiences and outcomes and to initiate a wellbeing promotion review.

9.4 **Admission Policy** - Amendments approved as directed by the Department of Education

9.5 **Critical Incident Management Plan** – Policy was ratified by the Board

10 Principal's Report

10.1 **OLCS (On-Line Claims System)**

10.1.1 The Principal mad report as per circular 0024/13

10.2 AMCSS (Association of Management of Catholic Secondary Schools) meeting

10.2.1 Principal attended regional meeting on Wednesday 30th November.

10.2.2 Report to meeting from **AMCCS** included

- reference the Genesis Report on Catholic Education
- Proposal to be brought to JMB meeting that all schools should have a P.E hall
- Proposal that panel for appointment to POR (Post of Responsibility) vacancies be established

10.3.1 Report to meeting from meeting of **JMB (Joint Managerial Body)**

- NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment) conducting review of Junior Cycle and review of SPHE for senior cycle
- SEC (State examinations Commission) to produce one page narrative on Junior Cycle
- Increased numbers of RACE applications (24,000)
- Examiner shortage – with return of CBA assessment task for 2023, 600,000 scripts will be presented for correction
- JCPA (Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement) – process could be speeded up significantly if schools had early access to PPOD (Post Primary Pupil On-line Data) system
- At time of meeting, there was no indication of timing of Leaving Certificate Oral and Practical exams.

10.4 Le Chéile

10.4.1 The principal and Chairperson attended a cluster meeting via Zoom on Thursday 1st March.

10.4.2 The following items were addressed:

- Discussion on Circular 75/2022 Commencement of the Education (provision in respect of children with special educational needs) Act 2022 and commencement of the remaining sections of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018. Dates for consultation have been extended.
- Student Symposium in Knock, March, with 10 students per school invited.
- Conference/AGM will take place February 2nd & 3rd in Mullingar Park Hotel.
- Catholic Schools week will be marked 29th January to 5th February ‘Walking Together in Faith & Love’
- Reflection Day –February 8th for school Anam Cara
- Deputy Principal Conference will take place March 2nd & 3rd in Athlone
- Le Chéile Day will be marked on March 31st “Living our Catholic Faith”
- Microsoft Office 365 online session Jan 17th at.4pm
- Finance Provision of €90 million additional funding (Cost of Living) for schools will be made available for 2022/23. Given general inflation and increasing energy prices and will be paid to schools before the end of the current school term.
- Valuations Exercise will be conducted with schools shortly (insurance)
- NCCA consultations continue regarding senior cycle RSE Policy & Programmes

10.5 Ethos

10.5.1 Holy Faith have participated in a number of events for VinFam (Vincentian Family) and will attend meeting for schools in Belfast in March 2023

10.5.2 November to Remember was marked

10.5.2 Retreats for all year groups took place the week of 28th November and retreat for parents took place on Wednesday 30th November.

10.5.3 The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal is under way.

10.5.4 TY students will assist with the distribution of Christmas Cards to the parish on behalf of St John’s Church.

10.5.5 A choir of TY students will sing Christmas carols for the residents of Sybil Hill Nursing Home on December 15th

10.6 Parents’ Association:

10.6.1 The Parent’s Association raised over €5,000 at their annual lunch in St Anne’s Golf Club on Friday 11th November. 78 tickets were sold and 50% of proceeds of raffle were donated to Lauralynn.

10.6.2 Past pupil, Nina Fitzpatrick, spoke at the lunch.

10.6.3 The Association will organise the Annual Table Quiz on 9th March in Clontarf Castle.

10.7 Student Council

10.7.1 Elections have taken place for new council

10.7.2 The Council, with guidance from co-ordinator Ms Tyrrell, has organised purchase and distribution of ISIC student identity cards.

10.8 Student Achievement

- 10.8.1** 5th year students have successfully completed three rounds of the Concern Debates. Ms Conlon and Ms Mackey have worked with the students and managed the setting up and recording of the debates which were conducted on-line.
- 10.8.2** Four 2nd year students have completed two rounds of the UCD Junior debates. Thank you to Ms Conlon and Ms Daly who accompanied the students
- 10.8.3** The school has re-engaged with the Model United Nations programme. Students from 3rd, 5th and 6th year have participated in assemblies held in Terenure College and Rathdown School. Sophie Faughnan received a best delegate award on both occasions. Delegates will participate in upcoming assemblies in Blackrock College and Wesley College in early 2022/23.
- 10.8.4** Congratulations to Hannah Healy of 3rd year who has been named as FAI U15 International Schools Player of the Year.
- 10.8.5** Congratulations to the Senior Science team that took part in the ISTA (Irish Science Teachers Association) Senior Science quiz during Science week.
- 10.8.6** Sarah Jane Reddin and Ciara Mangan were awarded scholarships by DCU on the basis of their excellent Leaving Certificate results for 2022.

11 A.O.B.

- 11.1** There were no items under AOB

12 Agreed Statement

- 12.1** An agreed statement was prepared.
- 12.2** The Board agreed to the posting of the Agreed Statement to the School App to promote communication and dialogue with all stakeholders (re **9.1**)

13 Next meeting

- 13.1** The next meeting of the Board will be in the school on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm

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