

Summary of meeting of the Board of Management was held on Tuesday 7th Jan. 2014 at 19.00.

Correspondence: A letter from the Patron inviting the board to nominate someone to attend training on Catholic ethos was considered. It was agreed that Eileen would discuss the nominee with Bishop Nulty on January 29th when Chairpersons and Principals are invited to meet with him in Portlaoise.

Chairperson's Report. The chairperson recorded appreciation for the Christmas Nativity performance which was very successful. The children were lovely and there was a great turnout.

Treasurer's Report. The end of December accounts were approved and the actual income and expenditure in comparison with the budgeted income and expenditure were noted

It was also agreed that we would draw up a list of possible expenditures for the rest of the year.

Approval was granted to appoint an auditor for last year's accounts.

Parent's Representative Report. There were no items to report.

Staff Representative's Report. A report from a legal seminar was considered. There will also be a addendum to the policy section of the form which will explain the requirements in regard to guardianship.

Permissions for school tours were discussed. It was agreed that the current practice of informing parents about school tours and outings would continue. A standard reminder to parents that they have signed permission in junior infants will be issued when there is an outing being organised.

Principal's Report: Staffing changes were explained.

Circulars: The following were brought to the attention of the board. 0052/2013, 0063/2013, 1, 2 & 3 /2014

Chief Inspector's report: This report is a remarkable affirmation of our work. A summary of some of the headings was presented as well as the reference.

Droichead: A teacher was recommended for full TC recognition based on her having completed the requirements. A brief account of the work of the Professional Support Team was presented.

Privacy statement for the site: The privacy statement for the website was presented. It is to be reviewed by and approved at the next meeting.

Moratorium: The middle management team has been cut in half now for five years.

Incredible year's course: Approval was granted for Annette Corkery the NEPS psychologist to implement the 'Incredible years' programme for this staff <http://incredibleyears.com/about/incredible-years-series/objectives/>

Teaching Practice: Approval for Teaching Practice in March.

Staff and team development: Approval was granted for Shane Martin to come to the school to present on 'Managing through adversity.' A link to the Moodwatchers website was circulated.

Meeting with Parents' Council for February: It was agreed that the annual event of meeting the members of the Parents Council would take place on February 11th.

Operation Transformation: Board approval was granted for a walking activity in lieu of assembly time.

Tribute was paid to Emmet McConville: on his passing to show appreciation for his work in coordinating the work experience for the training of the children in the final term of last year.

Dates of meetings for the year next year. The dates for the BOM meetings for the rest of the year were set as Feb 11th; March 11th April 8th May 13th and June 17th.

Correspondence: Approval was granted for the Principal to attend National executive meetings of INTO and Council meetings of the NCCA.