Saint Joseph's Community College



Board of Management meeting – Agreed Report

Wednesday, 6rd April 2016. 4:30 PM

Summary of Principals Report:

The Taster Day and Enrolment were held on the 3rd February. 16 students enrolled by the end of this day and a further 4 afterwards.

- Third year students attend St Mel's Cathedral, Longford and Knock Basilica as part of their religion project.
- Safe pass training has taken place for TY students.
- Students travelled to Croke Park on National Flag day to receive the tricolour as part of 1916 commemoration. Proclamation day was held in the school on the 15th March.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade in the town was led by the victorious Senior and Juvenile Gaelic football teams.
- Third year English students attended Romeo and Juliette in the Hawkswell Theatre, Sligo on the 4th April.
- First year students received their vaccinations on the 6th April.
- The school newsletter was distributed to National Schools before Easter.
- E.T.B Pesticide Course for caretakers was held in the school over the Easter. The second round of BOM training will take place on the 18th April.

Congratulations

- Girls Gaelic Senior team on reaching the Connacht Semi-Final.
- Juvenile Gaelic team on winning the Connacht Final, Cathal O Ciobhain and their sponsors.
- Senior Gaelic Team on winning the All-Ireland Final, Brendan Prendergast and their sponsors.
- U.15 Soccer on their recent 2:1 win over Foxford.

John Bones thanked the teachers, sponsors, the local club for their goodwill and financial support. He expressed thanks to the town and community for their generosity and cited the large attendance at the team's home coming as testimony to at support for the school locally. He called for suggestions from the BOM to formally recognise this achievement. The Chairperson proposed a letter of congratulations be sent from the BOM to the teachers and students involved. She will also enquire with the ETB about a formal evening of recognition.

The Heating System was serviced in March and is need of urgent repair work. Emergency Works Application has been submitted and a replacement has been granted as part of the emergency works scheme.

Metalwork and Engineering is proposed to be introduced in September 2016 and plans are in place for alteration works.

No further information has been received on the Capital Investment.

TY Bingo Night was a huge success. John Bones thanked the parents and students and businesses for their generous donation to the school. A representative from the TY parents met with John Bones, they are agreeable to go on a foreign tour in the next academic year. A one day trip to Petersburg Outdoor Education Centre, Galway is planned.

Policy Review

- 1. The Data Protection Policy was approved.
- 2. The CCTV Policy was approved
- 3. The AUP Policy was approved
- 4. The Subject Choice Policy was approved. This policy will need to be reviewed with the introduction of Metalwork & Engineering.

The Code of Behaviour is currently under review by a sub-committee. The draft is at an advanced stage and it is expected that it will be available for the next BOM meeting. A meeting will be arranged with the Student Council and the Parents Association so both groups can have an input into the process.