



Agreed Report

Secretary's report:

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Ms. Leydon and the U19 Basketball team who won the league final in Galway on Friday 2nd December. They beat Ballinasloe in the Semi-final and Castlerea in the Final. The team are through to the All-Ireland semi-final in January where they will play Castlerea once again.

Welcome to the following new member of staff:

- Aoife McDonagh who is replacing Natalie McLoughlin
- Aideen Flannery who is replacing Phil Duffy
- To Mike Nealon who is replacing Stacey McDermott

Christmas Exams:

- Christmas Exams for Junior and Leaving Certificate pupils took place 18th - 22nd November.
- Christmas Exams for non-exam classes will take place at the end of term.
- Reports will have an additional flyer on Bullying included. This Flyer has been provided by the Ballina Lions Club. This initiative has been highlighted on Midwest Radio by Tommy Marren. He is requesting feedback from students and Principals on this initiative
- Transition year students have had class based assessments and will be interviewed on 16th December in relation to their E-Portfolio.

Transition Year:

- Students have been involved in a variety of events this year including Public Speaking with Alan Devine.
- First work experience during November 21st-25th inclusive.
- Public Speaking Event in McWilliam Park Hotel in Claremorris on Wednesday 30th November.
- The students will go on a trip to Dublin on the 13th - 14th December. Two members of staff will go with the students.
- Christmas Lunch will take place this week.

Building works:

1. Phase 1 is due to begin in 2017. No date set yet.
2. Metalwork/Engineering room is now in operation. First and Transition Year students will study this subject this year. Mr. Kieran Flynn is subject teacher.

The student council held their first meeting a number of weeks ago and will hold their next meeting next week. Election of officers has taken place and training is being arranged for members.

School Visits/Enrolment

- The School Brochure and Flyer has been updated.
- All schools have been visited and school flyers distributed.
- We have invited students from 5th & 6th class to attend our Open Evening which will be held on Wednesday January 25th 2017.
- The school will be advertising in the Western People in January in advance of the Open Evening.

School Promotion DVD:

At the Post Holders meeting on Tuesday 15th November Post holders input was sought into what aspects of the school they would like to see highlighted.

1. Pastoral Care
2. Small Numbers
3. Extra-curricular Activities.

Unfortunately given the time of year and how busy things are, the school DVD will have to be filmed next September in advance of our school visits and enrolment for the following school year.

Review list of policies and procedures with decisions on priorities

An inventory of school policies was circulated to the Board. The Board agrees that 2014 policies are in need of urgent review. The Board decided the following policies be addressed at the next meeting:

1. Anti-bullying policy
2. Admissions policy
3. First Aid policy