Saint Joseph's Community College



Agreed Report of Board of Management

Wednesday 15th February 2017. 4:30 PM

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes of meeting on 7th December 2016 were proposed and seconded

2. Matters arising:

No matters arising

3. Secretary's report:

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Ms. Leydon and the U-19 Basketball team who won the All-Ireland final in the National Basketball Arena in Dublin on Tuesday 24th January. They beat Colaiste Ide Daingean 36:25 and subsequently played them in the league Semi Final on Wednesday 8th February. Thank you to Mr Ian Johnson for his assistance with the team.
- There was a fantastic home coming in Charlestown that evening. Thank you to Sandra McCudden and all those who assisted her in setting things up. It was absolutely amazing and we are extremely grateful for the support of the team and the school.
- The team are through to the All-Ireland League Final on March 1st against Presentation Mallow.

Extra-curricular:

Sports:

• Spikeball: 1st year girls made it to the Finals in UCD but were unfortunately defeated.

Transition year:

- Spikeball Blitz took place on Thursday 2nd February. Well done to the Transition year girls for organising the day. It was a great success and the feedback that we received from the Principals was that the kids really enjoyed the day.
- Busy Bees Project: 4 students are entered into an Enterprise competition due to take place on Thursday 2nd of March. They will also be in another competition on Thursday 23rd March. We would like to wish the girls the very best of luck. They have also picked up an order with Knockranny House for weddings that will be taking place there this spring.
- Work Experience: Takes place Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February.
- St. Patrick's Day: The students have been working on their entry for the parade.

Enrolment:

- Open Evening on 25th January. A very successful evening.
- Taster Day on Friday, 3rd February. Students really enjoyed the day.

Building works:

1. Phase 1 is due to begin in 2017. No date set yet.

ICT Infrastructure:

- Report from Richard Bruton
- Circular 0001/2017The school in consultation with the ETB will follow the criteria set out in the circular and seek to develop ICT further in the school.

School Promotion:

- Digital Media Ireland provided a workshop for members of staff on the matter of school promotion. This was a very positive development resulting in the further usage of the school's Facebook page and Twitter account and the setting up of our YouTube page.
- At the recent All Ireland Final the match was streamed live and this enabled the community of Charlestown to watch the team become All Ireland Champions. St. Attracta's primary school was seen watching this which was also on their twitter account.

Update on School Self-Evaluation and School Improvement Plan

Elaine Harte provided an SSE update to the Board. Literacy and numeracy initiative met the targets established at the start of the process with an overview of the processes involved in measuring these.

The following strands are identified for phase 2 of SSE (2016 – 2020):

- 1. AfL (assessment for learning)
- 2. Assessment
- 3. Embedding ICT in teaching and learning

The PDST will conduct a workshop with staff on SSE in March. The Chief Executive has approved the school to take a half day to complete this.

Progress report on "Know Your School" document (electronic version)

Elaine Harte informed the Board that a significant proportion of this document is now complete.

A copy of the Child Protection policy was circulated to the Board for consideration.

Update on progress on previous Inspection Reports (subject reports):

Elaine Harte informed the Board of the observations and recommendations of the following subject inspections:

- 1. LCVP (2014)
- 2. Irish (2013 with follow-up inspection in 2014)

All recommendations from these reports are implemented.

The chairperson requests that a summary of these reports be forwarded to the ETB as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.