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Agreed Report to Community
from Board of Management meeting

23 November 2011

- The current Board of Management is almost at the end of its term (new board takes office on 1 December 2011). The Board would like to acknowledge the huge contribution of the Parents Association has made to the school over the last number of years. In particular the Board would really like to thank Niamh Kelly and her team for the wonderful work they have done during the year, both visible and invisible.
- Minutes of October Board of Management meeting were agreed and signed off by the Board.
- Progress on Policies and Procedures:
 - Positive Behaviour Policy- Board approved amendments to the policy following consultation.
 - Enrolment policy- Amendments to policy approved by the board.
 - Mission Statement has been approved following consultation with staff and parents/guardians.
 - Volunteer Confidentiality policy- will be sent to the PA for comment now.
 - Health and Safety Policy- Board working on draft prepared by the external assessor. Will be referred to the new board to complete.
 - Sickness and Administration of Medication policy – This will be referred to the new board for ratification.
 - Substance Use policy- will be referred to the new board.
 - Board formerly adopted the new Child Protection guidelines as per DES circular 65/2011. The Child Protection Policy needs to be adjusted to reflect the guidelines.
- School Accounts
 - 2009/2010 accounts have been certified.
- Enrolments
 - First round offers were sent out for Junior infants 2012. Closing date for return of applications was 23 November 2011.
 - Board approved maximum number of places to be offered in higher classes.
- Voluntary Contributions
 - Board are investigating having Standing Order facility put in place following suggestion from the PA.

Swimming lessons will be offered to pupils from 2nd to 6th class and both ASD classes in the

Spring term. Parents will be advised of dates and costs shortly.

There has been a substantial donation from a parent for the purpose of purchasing a Numicon Maths Kit. The donation covers the purchase of the kit and training for the whole staff. The Board would like to thank this parent for their generous donation.

Discussions are being held with INTEL who will provide volunteers to help with various areas especially IT.

The school will distribute leaflets from two patron bodies interested in opening post-primary school in Maynooth.

RSE working group will be established

A Sign in book will be introduced in January 2012. All visitors to the school, including those volunteering will be asked to sign in (for parents collecting children this will not be necessary). This will ensure that should an emergency occur we will be aware of all visitors who may be in the building.

The Board has agreed a number of recommendations to the new Board regarding new policies and various areas of the Board's future work.

New circulars:

There have been no new circulars since last month.

Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life is the national strategy to improve literacy and numeracy standards among children and young people in the education system. Information about how Maynooth ETNS will be implementing the strategy will be released shortly. For more information please visit

<http://www.education.ie/home/home.jsp?pcategory=17216&ecategory=57818&language=EN>