

Agreed Report of a Meeting of the Board of Management of CBS Thurles Tuesday 19th December 2017

Attendance: Ms. Mary O'Dwyer, Mr Finn O Murchu, Ms. Kay Skehan, Mr. Jimmy Duggan, Ms. Mary Ryan, Mr Declan Fitzpatrick, Mr. Nail Cahill and Ms. Mairin Gallagher. The Principal, Mr O'Donnell attended as Secretary to the Board.

Apologies: No apologies.

1. Opening Prayer

The Chairperson opened the meeting with the Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and were proposed by Ms. Mairing Gallagher and seconded by Ms. Mary Ryan.

3. Correspondence

A full list of correspondence was presented to the Board.

4. Finance

Ms. Gallagher presented the report on behalf of the Finance Committee. The annual accounts were reviewed by the Board. An outline of current expenditure was also presented.

5. Parents Council Report

Ms. Mary Ryan presented the report to the Board. The Council met on 13th December and the items on the agenda included Financial report and Principals Report.

6.. Secretaries Report

- The Principal presented a detailed report on the working of the school from 14th November to 19th December.

- The Principal updated the Board on the School Self Evaluation process to date. In relation to SSE the Principal informed the Board that the SSE committee were reviewing the Numeracy and Literacy policies and looking at targets previously set in the first cycle, and deciding on follow up steps.

- The focus will be on Teaching and Learning, 2-4 elements, from the LAOS (*Looking at Our Schools*). The Principal informed the Board that the first focus will be based on the use of "learning intentions/success criteria" in the classroom. This reflects the LOAS document under the domain of "learner outcomes" and the standard "attain the stated learning outcomes for each subject, course and programme". This also compliments the implementation of the New Junior Certificate, as all new subject specifications are presented through learning intentions. The TL21 team has been meeting regularly in school and monthly in Kilkenny to progress this.

- A second year survey was conducted to get student feedback on the use of learning outcomes in the classroom.

- The SSE Committee are in the "scoping out" phase for the second main focus of our SSE. Following on from the Junior Cycle in-service training day, the staff are going to look at Wellbeing and how to implement /embed it into our school and our subject plans.

- The updated Whole School Guidance Plan was presented to the Board. It was agreed to continue the review at the next Board meeting.
- Special congratulations was extended to past pupil Mark Fortune who secured the highest mark nationally in Chemistry in his Leaving Cert examinations in June 2017

7. Any Other Business

None