

**Knocknacarra Educate Together NS**  
**Board of Management Meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 19.00**

**Present:** Paul Adams (chairperson and patron nominee), Maggie Hall (patron nominee), Aneil Rawat (male parent nominee), Liz Daly (female parent nominee), Elaine Keane (community nominee), Louise Shields (community nominee), Vivienne Kelly (teacher nominee) and Matt Wallen (principal and secretary)

**Apologies:**

Paul chaired the meeting.

**May Minutes**

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

**Principal's Report**

**Enrolment**

- There are currently 215 pupils enrolled in eight classes, with one new pupil enrolling in 3<sup>rd</sup> from Ukraine.

**Staffing**

- We have received a notable increase in our support teaching allocation from 60 hours to 85 hours. This means we have an additional full-time permanent support post. The extra 10 hours will now be in a shared post based in Scoil Fhursa.
- We have also applied for an EAL post under appeal.

**Attendance**

- Attendance is improving. The attendance percentage to date is now 88.1% and 94% since the beginning of May.

**Health and Safety**

- The annual review of the Health and Safety Policy will take place before the next meeting.

**Curriculum Development**

- Teachers will have another in-service session regarding the Primary Language Curriculum on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June necessitating an early dismissal.
- The staff is working on the final details regarding the review of the Maths Curriculum, and this will be ready for Board approval at the next meeting.

**Policies**

- Three policies have been reviewed: Attendance, Critical Incidents and Exceptional Closures.

**Building**

- A contractor has been appointed for the roof repairs. The works are due to commence at the beginning of July and will take approximately 3-4 weeks.

**Misc. Events/Information**

- The swimming lessons are going very well.
- I attended the Educate Together AGM along with Claire Stone who represented the school.
- I will be completing a three-day Droichead training programme.
- The sock design winners will be chosen and announced next week.
- Standardised testing in spellings, English reading, Maths and Irish has begun and will be completed this month.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class will present a bilingual set of plays based on Dr Seuss books this Friday.
- The school had a wonderful visit from Branar who presented a show called Rothar.
- Plans are underway for the Spring Fair which will take place at the school on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May from 12.00 to 16.00.
- We are transitioning back to in-person assemblies starting next Friday.
- It is planned to have a beach day for the whole-school if the weather is amenable in early June.
- All classes have organised school tours.

**Financial Report**

Financial targets are being met. Significant spending will take place in the next two months to prepare for the next academic year and to address some minor works issues.

**Health and Safety Policy**

Revised versions of these three policies, incorporating minor changes and updates, were ratified by the Board.

**Academic Calendar 2022-2023**

The Board approved the academic calendar for the coming year with 182 days and discretionary days added to the June Bank Holiday.

**Educate Together AGM**

Matt reported back on the AGM to the board.