

Knocknacarra Educate Together NS
Board of Management Meeting
11th May 2017, 20.00

Present: Louise Shields (chairperson and patron nominee), Waqas Khawaja (male parent nominee), Paul Adams (community nominee), Elaine Keane (community nominee), Áine Ní Chuinneagáin (teacher nominee) and Matt Wallen (principal and secretary)

Apologies: Maggie Hall (patron nominee), Lynn Morgans (female parent nominee nominee)

Louise chaired the meeting.

April Minutes

The minutes from April were agreed.

Principal's Report

Enrolment

- There are currently 78 pupils enrolled.
- The incoming junior infants class is full, and all families remaining on the pre-enrolment list were contacted in the post.
- A new child enrolled in First Class. Another child will join the class in June.
- Next year's estimated enrolment is 106-108, which ensures we will have sufficient enrolment for the developing post.

Attendance

- The attendance continues to be good. Overall, the attendance rate since the start of the year to now is 94.8%.

Curriculum

- The maths plan is ready for consideration by the board, and the Gaeilge plan will be ready for June.
- The teaching staff will be attended an in-service on the new Primary Language Curriculum on Tuesday, 9th May with particular focus on oral language in both English and Irish.

Policies

- Policies on Practice Teaching and Work Placements as well as Off-Site Learning Experiences are ready for consideration by the Board.

Misc. Events/Information

- The entire school went to Silverstand on Monday and had a great day in the beautiful sunshine.
- The staff has agreed a calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.
- The ET AGM will take place on Saturday, 20th May. Matt will attend.
- Micheál Gargan Curtin is working with each class to do bilingual drama workshops. The first session was today, and he will return for two more sessions with each class. Mairtín Davy Ó Coisdealbha finished his series of bilingual lessons related to making bread boards. Miss Laurie will be coming to do movement workshops with all the classes in June. These activities are all paid for by the proceeds from PTA fundraising.
- First Class will present an Irish play, *Jeaic agus an Gas Pónaire*, tomorrow.
- Children in First Class had their second swimming lesson today.

Financial Report

The money raised from the Spring Fair was well beyond expectations. Many thanks to the parents who kindly made a voluntary contribution to the school. Electricity costs were very low for the year, which is great news. Rental income is strong.

PTA Report

The Spring Fair was a great day. Many thanks to all the parents and other volunteers who worked so hard to make it a great event. The PTA will meet again soon to discuss the draft school plan.

Off-site Learning Experiences Policy

The policy was ratified.

Maths Curriculum Plan

The curriculum plan was discussed and ratified.

Work Placement and Practice Teaching Policy

After agreeing several changes to the policy, the Board ratified the revised policy.