



**St. Louis Secondary School
Monaghan
Board of Management Meeting
Tuesday 9th May 2023
Agreed Report**

Attendance: GS, SG, CH, MO, AF, AJ.
Apologies: LC

Secretary: MC

Coiste: Before the meeting commenced the Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl made a presentation to the Board detailing all the Coiste activities and meetings during the year. On behalf of the Board the chairperson commended the girls on an excellent presentation and commented on their communication and leadership skills. He highlighted the tremendous work done during the year and praised the girls telling them they were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. The Board are happy to work with the Coiste and will support any practical suggestions they make.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting on 14th March were adopted on the proposal of SG and seconded by MO

Matters Arising: No matters arising.

Correspondence:

- NCSE Allocation for 2023-2024
- Letter from the Coiste re Student ID cards
- Network Teachers and Principal's Meeting
- NAPD Newsletter
- FSSU re School Tours
- Reminder re BLAST & Creative Clusters
- SIMI Computers for Schools Competition
- Info from National parents Council re Webinar for parents of exam students
- Info for staff re Dyslexia In-service
- DES Info re CIDs
- Droichead NQT Voice Events
- Clogher Don Óige Pilgrimage to Lourdes
- PDST In-service re Team Teaching 16th May
- NCAD Student placement Request
- LCA Art exam info
- LC Art exam info
- CPD for Irish teachers
- CV for Chemistry and Science
- Le Chéile Pay It Forward Day Friday 31st March- Video

- FSSU Changes to Public Procurement
- MFSN job vacancies
- Correspondence re NPC NCPPP
- Info re ICDL Digital Student programme
- Research on student's smartphone use and wellbeing
- Physical Activity research in schools
- Info re Active School Week
- SEC info re LC History
- Invite to Irish Language Careers Day
- SEC info re RACE and Digital papers
- Easter Greetings from Le Chéile
- NAPD March Newsletter
- JMB Bulletin
- SEC Examiner Recruitment Campaign
- Le Chéile advertisement for Applications for Director of Formation
- SEC Closing Date for RACE
- ACMSS Conference details
- Info re Cycle to work Scheme
- JMB Bulletin
- Info re launch of BLAST and Creative Clusters
- Info re Student Enterprise Awards
- DES Education for Sustainable Development Newsletter
- Monaghan Education Centre Info re JCT Slar Workshops
- FSSU School Budgeting Webinar

The Board acknowledged the letter received from the Coiste, however additional information is required before the Board can make an informed decision.

- 1) Have other schools in the locality used these cards and what is the experience
- 2) The cost of the card and will students be prepared to pay.

Finance:

- The Budget for next year was presented and approved on the proposal of AJ and seconded by SG.
- The Principal informed the meeting that any Covid PPE and Cleaning money not spent would have to be returned in August.
- Letter from Le Chéile re increase in the licence fee. Following a long discussion the Board directed the Principal to respond to Le Chéile informing them that the school would not be in a position to pay a 200% increase in the licence fee but would agree to compromise and pay €2 extra per student.
- Request from Clogher dón Óige for funding for 6 tY students travelling to Lourdes as helpers with the Clogher Diocesan Pilgrimage. The Board approved €600.
- Funding available from September to December through Reach 23 Funding, Board suggested availing of counselling services one day per week.

- Funding request from Principal for a staff member interested in further studies in counselling. The Board approved, staff member to apply for Teacher's refund scheme and repay the Board when it is approved. The Board acknowledged the huge work done by the school in providing counselling services to the students.

Staffing:

Letter received from staff member re intention to resign on 03/11/2023.

Late application for JobSharing approved

CC hours received from DES 12 granted

NCSE approved SEN hours 65 per week and .75 SNA

Board approved ad to be posted for PE/SEN/Religion posts

Buildings & Plant:

No update re Emergency Works

Maintenance works for Summer, sanding floors and painting

Quote to be sought for Perspex on St Joseph's Square

PVC requested by staff for staff toilets- approved

All windows to be cleaned

Contract Cleaners coming in for 4 weeks.

Anti- Bullying:

Anti-Bullying Checklist carried out. Policy will be reviewed next year. Some friendship issues in first year, low level, dealt with by the year Head and Guidance Counsellor.

Principal's Report:

Sympathy:

- MO on the death of her mother
- GH on the death of her husband

Calendar

- TY Musical March 27,28 and 29
- TY Trip to Munich March 31st
- LC Orals 1st-6th April
- TY Work Experience 17th-21st April
- Parents' Association are looking for your support for their Table quiz in the Squealing Pig on Thursday, 20th April
- JMB AMCSS Conference 26-28th April
- School closed Tuesday 2nd May
- On Tuesday the TY YSI group accompanied by Ms. Conlon and Ms. Mc Gill travelled to Croke Park for the National Final of the YSI group. The girls made a presentation and faced questions on their project Vaping and were delighted to win first prize in the physical health category. Well done to all. The dangers of vaping will be included in next year's school journal.
- Thursday the school choir participated in the Navan Choral festival and were excellent. Huge thanks to Ms. Cassidy and Ms. Murphy
- Thursday Junk Kouture Final in 3Arena, Well done to the TY girls under the guidance of Ms Mahony.Niamh, Ylva Patricia
- Thursday surprise visit to the school by Irish artist Lea Harte, students enjoyed her impromptu show and her words of wisdom. Lea has a show in Belfast on September 22nd, check it out.
- Friday we enjoyed a visit from a delegation from a school in Seville
- Saturday students assisting and participating in Darkness into Light.
- TY Gaisce Trip

- 2nd Year tour Castleblayney adventure Centre
- 1st year tour Emerald Park
- 16th May Awards ceremony
 - 18th May TY Graduation
 - 22nd May LC Graduation

Child Protection	1 safeguarding issue student referred to CAMHS and returned home to Germany on Sunday, Oversight Report presented.
GDPR	Nothing to report
EMS	nothing to report.
Irish Water:	Issue ongoing, data submitted awaiting a decision re leak allowance.
New Board	due in October please email and let me know if you are not interested in remaining on the Board.