

Agreed Report GCC Board of Management Meeting Monday 14 September 2020

Board Members:

Parent Nominees: Mr Alan Mulcahy, Ms. Ger Moloney-Sheehan

Cork ETB Nominees: Ms Linda Skillington (Chairperson), Mr. Tony Kidney, Cllr. Noel McCarthy

Diocesan Nominees: Father Pat Nugent

Minority Nominee: Ms. Adelle Kidney

Teacher Nominees: Mr. John Baldwin, Mr. Tom Pittam

Recording Secretary: Mr Sean McGrath (Deputy Principal)

Secretary: Mr Ronan McCarthy (Principal)

1. The Board welcomed new members of staff to GCC and thanked those who have completed their time with us here in the school.
2. The Board offered its condolences to staff member Susan Casey, her husband Seanie McGrath and family on the recent death of Susan's father Brendan.
3. The Board congratulated staff member Emma Lemasney on her recent engagement.
4. The Board extended congratulations to the LC2020 cohort, stating members were very proud of their contribution and legacy to our school and wished each of our graduates and their families every best wish for the future.
5. The Board thanked all our staff for their commitment, endeavor and expertise in supporting our students.
6. The Board was presented with an overview of the existing finances in the school and outlined some considerations for future expenditure for maintaining and upgrading existing plant and facilities.
7. The Board was informed that the school has renewed its Digital Certificate with the Revenue Online Service. The school will write to parents before the October mid-term inviting those who have not completed a CHY 3 (Charitable Refunds) form (and are eligible to do so) to complete and return the form. In this way the school hopes to streamline the system for processing of the forms and to maximize its revenue from this source when claiming for years 2018 & 2019.

8. The Board was updated on work completed in the school building during the Summer and planned works for the school year ahead.
9. The Board members were updated on any child protection referrals, bullying reports, suspensions and exclusions since its last meeting.
10. The Board was presented with the child protection oversight report.
11. The Board was updated on the following Risk issues:
 - New Employee Assistance Service Information
 - Electrical Inspection
 - Irish Engineering Services Reports
 - Pupil Protector Insurance
12. The Board was informed that we are currently in the process of finalizing our Covid-19 response plan. All the elements of this plan have been shared with staff, students and parents through our weekly updates since the beginning of August but will now be drawn together into one comprehensive document. This will be circulated next week for feedback before the document is finalized.
13. The Board was informed that the school intends to introduce a system of electronic/online applications for our 1st Year enrolment process and all other applications to enroll in the school. With the numbers applying to the school now so large, we are hopeful this will make our procedures more efficient.

The Board was updated on the waiting list for enrolment to 1st Year for September 2020.

The Board was informed that a number of additions are required to be made to our Admissions Policy. The updated policy will be presented to the Board for ratification before our new enrolment cycle to 1st Year begins in October.

14. The following minor amendment to our Code of Behaviour was made to reflect the changed circumstances with regard to Covid-19. The school is encouraging students to use the Covid tracker app.

Mobile phones must be out of sight in the school building, unless use is authorised by a teacher as part of assigned class work.

15. The proposed date for the next meeting of the Board is Monday 9 November 2020.