



Goatstown Stillorgan
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**Board of Management Meeting
Agreed Report**

Venue	Remote Meeting – Online		
Date of Meeting	Monday 01/02/2021		
Due to Attend(initials)	CL; DD; RF; SM; SMcM; AG; HF; CF		
Apologies	None		
Time Allocated	19:10- 20:55		
Start Time	19.00	Finish time	21.00

Issue	Decision/Action:
Opening	The new community representative members of the Board of Management introduced themselves (Ms Helen Fitzpatrick and Mr Ciarán Fortune) and were welcomed to the Board.
Ethos Statement	Ethos and principles were discussed with new members.
Introductions- Board members	DD proposed Ciarán Fortune as a community nominee for the Board of Management. The nomination was approved by all Board members during the first agenda. Board Members introduced themselves to all welcoming community representatives Ms Helen Fitzpatrick and Mr Ciarán Fortune.
Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covid response plan: leave it until the next meeting and for whenever we get department guidance 2. Vacant site next to school- (issues resolved)
Confirmation of positions on the BOM – Recording Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.	Chairperson: RF, Treasurer: SMcM, Secretary: DD, Recording Secretary: CL
Correspondence to the school	DD outlined that there had been positive feedback to the remote learning. DD outlined that there had been issues with plumbing in the building/mechanical works. DD has been in contact with the company who carried out these works. Further work to be done on toilets. Electrical problem on site. Inspection of radiators proved that there was a fault. CEO of Weslin called to school. Follow up: Make sure everything is addressed on site before getting back to company and make sure another staff member is comfortable being on site when someone from the company calls out for repair work.
Celebrations in the school	<p>A discussion was held on celebrations in school. A possible rota system was discussed. The possibility of having a day set aside for a celebration for each half term was also discussed.</p> <p>It was discussed that the children could get involved with making a decision on celebrations to be focused on.</p> <p>Continue to work on what to include in the policy and make it flexible. It was agreed that we will come back to this.</p>
School Closure	Special classes opening on the 22 nd of February. Waiting for department guidelines.



<p>Healthy and Safety Policy and Safety Statement – Raise and review for our next meeting</p>	<p>Review these and see if there are any changes needed.</p>
<p>Relationships & Code of Behaviour Policy – Raise and Review for our next meeting</p>	<p>Review these and see if there are any changes needed.</p>
<p>Treasurers Report Accounts/ Bank Balance – Agreed accounts for year-end to be sent to the accountants</p>	<p>November, December and the start of January: Group of parents buying Christmas cards was a fundraiser that brought in money. Capitation and Covid grants are in. Questions in December: Is the payment, the last payment that we are going to get for the year? January outgoings are low. Photocopying budget might be down. Overall expenditure was nothing out of the ordinary.</p>
<p>Principals Report and matters arising A. Items for Information B. Items for Decision</p>	<p>There are currently 42 students enrolled between J1 and S1. 2 new students. Enrolment: 3 new students to join. Classes are capped at 24 at the moment due to classroom sizes. 21 students accepted so far for enrolment for September 2021. 177 applications in total.</p> <p>Child protection- cannot be done over zoom. Anti-bullying- cannot do over zoom.</p> <p>Career breaks: None</p> <p>Curriculum for remote learning: Seesaw and Zoom utilised. Plan for the week sent to parents each week. Class check in's over Zoom. A survey has been sent to parents. Some parents have found it overwhelming. There has been positive feedback from parents. Stay Safe and Relationships and Sexuality Education- Diane currently working on this. Cannot be done through distance learning. Only 1 student on the school support plan. Diane has spoken to parent and parent agreed it wouldn't be beneficial for child at present.</p> <p>Extracurricular activities: School tours: Airfield farm offer a virtual class tour as an option- agreed to leave this discussion for the moment.</p> <p>Parent involvement- training has been postponed at present. Diane had suggested an informal Zoom for parents- no one took up the offer. Firhouse organised a gofundme with Irish story teller Helena Byrne (Cost around 150euro) through Zoom. (Whatever you give buys you a ticket). Parent/ Child quiz. An event management company could have other ideas.</p>



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	<p>If the PTA gets up and running, there could be the possibility of hosting something along the lines of a Zoom cooking class- someone hosts the event and do it over Zoom.</p> <p>Ciarán suggested meeting with parents on Zoom to discuss ideas.</p> <p>Building: Last bill 1700euro.</p> <p>Voluntary contribution- realistic that money will be needed to run the school. It was discussed that we needed to be specific on what the money is for. It was agreed that we need to be conscious of the element of timing of the announcement.</p> <p>Suggested 100 euro or give whatever you can. Maybe ask for it after spring break.</p> <p>Diane to send out email and go from there.</p> <p>Plumbing inspection: Plumbers need to return.</p> <p>Fire extinguishers and alarms serviced. Electrician has come in.</p> <p>Staffing: Weekly Zoom check in. Virtual open day for parents to go ahead. Date to be confirmed</p>
<p>Agreed Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of Positions on BOM • Building repairs • Celebrations in the school • Policies to be reviewed • Voluntary Contribution • PGTA • Fire Extinguishers and alarms serviced
<p>Date of Next and future meetings</p>	<p>Monday the 15th of March</p>

