



St. Louis Secondary School
Monaghan
Board of Management Meeting
Thursday 22nd October 2024
Agreed Report

Attendance: GS, CH, MMC, TOH, AF, FM NG.

Apologies:

Secretary: MC

The Meeting commenced with a prayer. The chairperson welcomed new Board member NG to the meeting.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting on 12th September were adopted on the proposal of AF and seconded by MMC

Matters Arising: No matters arising.

Correspondence:

Correspondence September/October

- SEC LC PE
- New Fully Funded Upskilling Course for Teachers of Irish
- Le Chéile Insurance Webinar
- FSSU Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings Scheme
- Dept of Public Health Sexual Health & Wellbeing Programme
- JMB Information Note November Resources
- Feilte Bursuary
- Our Fundraiser Halloween Giveaway
- FSSU Financial Management for Boards of Management
- DES 2025-2026 PP Admissions Process
- Oide BÍ Cinealta Registration for Inservice
- NEPS re Psychological Assessments
- NAPD Weekly update
- Inspectorate update re PP Schools
- Le Cheile PP Cluster Meeting Presentation
- Emergency Works re clarifications
- Circular 0080/2024 New Measures to support the Forward Planning for Spec Ed

Provision

- DES Fortnightly Update
- Nasal Flu Vaccine
- NEPS Supporting Health & Wellbeing in schools

- FSSU Governors Authorisation Letter
- WOBH School Information Form
- JMB Bulletin Asst Gen Sec Vacancy
- DES Projected Enrolment
- Info re Cubbie
- Invoice Crafty Printing
- Parents Assoc Insurance Renewal
- School's Electricity Contract
- SEC Arrangements for JC and LC 2025
- Letter from Trustees
- Parents Webinar on Dyslexia
- TY Young Cook of the Year Competition
- Nomination to the Board of Management
- Frank Maher Classical Music Awards
- St Louis Network Quiz

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Leaving and Junior Cert 2024:

Document showing Leaving cert progression Routes presented to the Board 94% progressed to further education.

2 Upgrades in LC one student moved from H3 to H2 in Home Ec

Another student moved from H2 to H1 in English giving her 7 H1 grades.

Junior Cert results , students very happy with the results but concerns expressed re the low number of distinctions.

Teaching & Learning:

- Report presented from Teaching and Learning Committee
- Discussion at staff meeting re motivating gifted students
- AI working group set up

Finance:

- Info re switch over from Allianz to Marsh IPB as per notification from Le Chéile
- Appointment of CH to Financial subcommittee approved.
- Bank Reconciliation and accounts to end of September presented.
- Discussion re Card Machine for the office, approval given.
- Discussion re merging accounts and investing some money. MC mandated to make an appointment with the bank, no risk investment.

Buildings & Plant:

Application in November for grant €250,000

Emergency Works ongoing, applied for extra funding to enable works to be completed.

A problem was highlighted during course of original works, awaiting DES approval.

Meeting with Monaghan Co Co officials re erection of a fence.

Staffing:

3 language assistants all vetted and started 7th October till end of May.
Retirement of TM on 25th October, gift from Board.
Permission sought and approved to advertise for AP2 position.

Anti-Bullying/Wellbeing

Report provided details on wellbeing activities since returning to school.
Pride of place went to our Empowering women event on 17th September when Minister Norma Foley attended.,
Celebration of successes of current and past pupils.
Settling in Programme for 1st years completed by Aidan Connell
Notice re DES Anti Bullying survey
Some friendship issues in 1st and 2nd year were resolved with assistance from guidance counsellors, year heads and DP.

Policies

3 Policies provided for consideration to be ratified at next Board Meeting:

- Safety Statement- Draft RSE Policy
- Draft SPHE
- Student Teacher Placement Policy ratified
- Book Rental Policy

Mobile Phone Pouches;

Board agreed following a long discussion to proceed with mobile phone pouches.

Principal's Report:

Bereavements:

- Student in 5th Year on the death of her mam Anyone in our school community who suffered bereavement, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes to AM and DMD on their forthcoming wedding.

Activities;

- We welcomed of the winning Emyvale Ladies GFC who won the Pauline Devlin cup for the first time beating Donaghmoynne who held the title for 21 years. French Conversation group for students at lunchtime began this week.
- Monday Minor Soccer Match, our girls were victorious over St Louis Carrickmacross
- Ms Mc Coeey organised to bring the TY students to the St Gerard Majella Novena in Dundalk. The girls enjoyed the prayerful experience
- U 16 football Blitz in Cloghan
- Thank you To Monaghan and Scotstown stalwart Darren Hughes who presented medals to our victorious U 14 Ulster GAA champions.
- Road Safety Week and we had Road Safety messages every day this week to remind the students to be extra vigilant now that the evenings and mornings are getting darker. Please encourage your daughter to wear a High Vis if walking in the dark, always cross the road at a pedestrian crossing and pay careful attention when crossing the road; it is not advisable to be on a mobile phone.
- Free Parents Plus Adolescent Programme from Tuesday 15th October-November 26th from 10:00am-12:30pm in The Enterprise Centre in Castleblayney.
- Monday 14th school closed for staff and students

- Tuesday 15th 5th and 6th Year students attend CMETB Colleges Event
- Tuesday 15th St Louis Network Student Leadership training
- Wednesday 16th TY Presentation from the Ombudsman for Children's Office
- Thursday 17th Oide Staff training
- Friday 18th 2nd Year St Louis Network Quiz
- Friday 19th TY Musical Rehearsals
- Friday 19th 1st Year Maths Week Table Quiz
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disposed of.

Photocopiers to be moved from the old office can be stored in chapel area until

Child Protection

The Principal informed the Board that there were no referrals to TUSLA since the last Board meeting. Oversight report presented and signed.. New staff requested to do TUSLA training

GDPR

Nothing to report

Open Day:

Open Day Saturday 12th October. Very successful. Huge crowd and v positive vibes.

Next meeting Tuesday, 3rd December