



## **Board of Management Meeting - Agreed Report**

### **Date of meeting: 28/02/22**

- **Covid-19**
  - HEPA Filters purchased with proceeds from raffle and Department of Education grant. Will ensure better air quality in all settings.
  - Omicron wave hit school in January - peaked at 30% absent
  - Masks now optional for staff and pupils. Children from different classes are allowed to mix again where necessary.
  
- **School Calendar**
  - The Department of Education has outlined a reduction of the school year from 183 to 182 days, beginning with the current school year.
  - It was proposed and seconded that the least disruptive option to reduce our 2021/2022 school year is to finish one day earlier in June. The date of our holidays is now Wednesday, June 22nd
  
- **Finance**
  - School Accounts were discussed and financial report to parents to be distributed.
  - Donation of €300 from Hall Committee extremely appreciated
  - Covid grants will remain in place for remainder of the school year
  
- **Staffing**
  - Covid Learning and Support Scheme (CLASS) is a scheme designed to provide additional support in the form of an additional teacher for a period of time (depending on the size of school). Ms. Marie O' Doherty is fulfilling this role in a shared capacity in our school and Kiskeam NS until just after the Easter break.
  - SET hours and SNA hours to be released in the coming months (expected to be May). At present we have 2 full time SET teachers, 2 full time SNAs and 1 infant hours SNA.
  
- **Policy Ratification - The following policies were discussed, reviewed and ratified.**
  - Complaints procedure
  - Substance misuse
  - Droichead (Induction programme for newly qualified teachers)

- **Agreed report -**
  - It was decided that an agreed report of each BOM meeting should be distributed to the parent body in the days following each meeting.
  
- **Other points of note from the Principal's report to the Board -**
  
- Deepest sympathies extended by the BOM to Michelle, Ella and all of their families on the passing of Mrs. Agnes Cronin. The board recognised her outstanding contribution to the local community, both inside and outside of the classroom - **Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.**
  
- Sacraments - Thank you to Fr. Tarrant for his support and constant communication regarding the upcoming sacraments:
  - Sacrament of reconciliation - March 22nd
  - Confirmation - April 7th
  - 1st Holy Communion May 14th
  
- Christmas fundraiser - An incredible €3825 raised by the parent body and wider school community. Incredible effort and a huge credit to all involved. Local businesses donated fantastic prizes and helped make it a wonderful success.
  
- Extra-Curricular:
  - GAA - GAA training has resumed with Paudie Breen from Ballydesmond GAA.
  - Swimming - Resuming in Killarney Sports and Leisure centre, an integral part of the PE curriculum, all children from 1st-6th will attend for 6 weeks of lessons.
  - School tours are being scheduled for the last term.
  - School Sports day planned.
  
- Parents' Council Initiatives
  - The Parents' council are meeting with Mr. Neenan this week to discuss plans for the rest of the school year.
  - They have pledged €1000 of their fundraising to the purchase of Maths equipment for the school and for this we are extremely grateful.
  
- Congratulations to Ms. Joanne Geaney who recently got engaged to her partner Pdraig, we wish them every success and happiness.