

Report to the School Community
Board of Management Meeting

Monday, 26 April, 2010

1. **Opening prayer** – the board joined the chairperson in a prayer of intercession.
2. The Board agreed the number of students that could be enrolled in each year-group for the forthcoming academic year.
3. **Principal's report**
 - The Principal presented the board with a record of events including the visit to our school by two Loreto students from Kenya, the Green Flag ceremony, a Business subject inspection, and recent exam assessments. The Principal commended the students for their approach to these examinations and also their teachers for the huge commitment and support they offer to their students to ensure that they get the best out of themselves.
 - The Principal also conveyed the exceptional level of praise for our students that was passed on by the external examiners who noted their courtesy and manners in particular.
 - A comprehensive sports report was presented, the highlight of which was the retention of the Loreto Shield.
 - The board agreed that the Students' Council constitution would be discussed at the next meeting.
4. **Admissions Policy**
 - a. The Board ratified the Admissions Policy subject to the approval of the Trustees. The policy is available in full on the school website (www.loretokk.ie) in the 'enrolment' section.
5. **School Development Planning**
 - a. Curriculum planning: it was reported that a Leaving Certificate Applied class would be viable for the coming academic year.
 - b. RE as examination subject – it was reported that the R.E. department were recommending its introduction. The principal presented results of a survey of Loreto schools in relation to RE as an exam subject. The board approved the introduction of the subject for the incoming 1st Year class. It was agreed that this decision would be reviewed after three years.
6. **Health and Safety**

The principal reported that defibrillator training had taken place successfully and that further training was to be arranged.
7. **Building Programme**
 - a. The building programme was reported to be running a few weeks behind schedule but it was expected that construction would commence late Summer.
8. **A.O.B.**
 - a. Calendar 2010/2011 – it was agreed that the school would open on November 1st this year and that some religious service would be organised to mark the Holy Day.
 - b. It was reported that the recent car boot sale was a success, raising €500 for school funds.