



Report to the school community

Board of Management Meeting

Monday, 27 Sept, 2010 at 7.30p.m.

1. Opening prayer – the Chairperson read 'A New Year Prayer'
2. Correspondence
 - Letter from Head Girl, Edwina Murphy, thanking the board for the ways in which facilities for the school were improved during the Summer.
 - The board made decisions in relation to enrolment applications that had been received during the Summer.
3. Principal's report

A report on our Leaving Certificate results was presented.

 - 7 Students achieved greater than 550 points (2.3 times national average). One of these students had a reading age that was two years less than her chronological age when she started in Loreto.
 - 33% of our students got more than 450 points compared to the national average of 18%.
 - In the lower range of abilities, we are still performing very well with only 3.4% getting less than 100 points (nat average 12.2%).

Junior Certificate Results:

 - 3 Students got all 'A' grades across their 10 subjects. A very high proportion of 'A' grades across the board, once again well in excess of the national average.

Sports report –

Large number of sports up-and-running with training taking place at lunch times and after school. After-school badminton and a lunch-time board games club are new innovations.

4. Report on Enrolment procedures – the report outlined the steps that had taken place to date, in line with the agreed policy.
5. Child Protection Guidelines

The nominations of Designated Liaison Person for 2010/2011, Colm Keher and Deputy Designated Liaison Person for 2010/2011, Marie Therese Gallagher were ratified by the board.

6. Loreto Education Philosophy

A discussion took place with regard to how the school could celebrate Catholic Schools Week which would take place on the last week in January. Ideas that were mooted were: displays, a liturgy and a link with the local church. It was agreed that the resource pack from last year would be available for the next meeting.

7. School Development Planning

The following areas were identified as priorities for the year ahead: Code of Behaviour, Post of Responsibility Review, Subject Planning, Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy (nearing completion). Recent in-services: Leaving Cert Applied, SPHE, RE – Diocesan, RE – inclusion of students of other Faiths (JMB guidelines)

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8. Health and Safety: no issues to report
9. Finance –
 - The budget for 2010/2011 was adopted by the board.
 - A copy of the draft final accounts for 2009/2010 was presented and it was hoped that these could be finalised at the next meeting.
10. Building Programme report:
 - Pre-qualification tenders have been short-listed to 10 (33 applicants) by the design team
 - An updated timeline suggested that a contractor could be appointed before Christmas.
11. It was agreed to fix the next two meetings for: 2nd November and 6th December.