

Report to the School Community

Board of Management Meeting

Monday, **28 March, 2011** at 7.30p.m.

1. **Opening prayer** – Martin read a prayer for Lent from the Loreto prayer book.
2. Matters arising
 - a. Three members of the board would be attending the seminar on Child Protection and a report would be given at the next meeting.
3. **Correspondence**
 - The Trust Board had requested the input of Boards of Management in a consultation process regarding the appointment of a new Education Development Officer to replace Michael Denny who is retiring at the end of August. After a discussion the board agreed a submission.

4. Principal's report

The Principal gave a summary of events since the last meeting, highlights being our German students' trip to Berlin and our debating team's victory in the Mock European debate with a prize of a trip to Strasbourg for 24 students.

The principal gave details of one suspension that had been sanctioned since the last meeting of the board.

A report of sports events was presented to the board. Highlights were the victories for our U-14 Badminton team, the retention of our Senior 'A' Camogie All Ireland title and our two-in-a-row South East Senior Hockey Cup title. A report on our Senior Hockey team's excellent performance in the All Ireland play-offs was also given.

5. Parents' Association Report

A report on the activities of the Parents' Association was given and the board was informed that the association was exploring the issue of lap-tops for students, had met with the Students' Council, were exploring the possibility of a data base of work experience providers, and had two upcoming fundraisers: a Fun Run and a cake sale (14th May). All these activities were approved by the board.

6. Report Business subject inspections

The response of Business Department to the subject inspection report, which took place in April 2010, was presented to the Board. It was agreed that the congratulations of the Board

on what was an excellent inspection report would be expressed to the Business Department.

7. Health and Safety

It was reported that safety audits carried out by staff today, as requested by the HSA.

8. Building Programme:

a. It is now expected that construction would commence in April.

9. New model of Whole-school evaluations (Managing Leading and Learning)

a. The principal gave a presentation on the new model of whole school inspection.

10. School Development Planning

a. The I.T. committee had proposed the purchase of lap-tops for teachers to be available for their use in classrooms. This was to be funded by the I.T. grant and was approved by the board.

11. **Finance** – the finance committee had met earlier today and approved a financial report for the Board which was presented at the meeting.

12. Items for Next meeting

a. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the **5th of May at 7:30p.m.** and options for the use of the P.E. grant would be on the agenda.