

## Agreed Report: Board of Management Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

#### Ethos

- The celebration of the sacrament of First Communion is scheduled to take place at 1p.m on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September in St. Brigid's Church.
- New Christian symbols were purchased from Veritas and these are on display along the school corridor.

# **Child Safeguarding**

- Mr. Barry Whelan was appointed as Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for Child Safeguarding and Mrs. Miriam Brickley was reappointed as Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLP).
- The reviewed '*Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment*' was reviewed, adopted and ratified by the Board of Management. A copy of this is available to view in the '*School Policies*' section of the school's website <u>https://shanahoens.weebly.com/</u>. (Select '*More*' along the grey tab on the homepage and then select '*School Policies*').
- The Annual Review of '*Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment*' was completed at the meeting of the board and notification of same can also be found in the '*School Policies*' section of the website.

# COVID-19

• The revised '*Covid-19 Policy Statement and Response Plan*' and the procedures and protocols therein, were discussed, adopted and ratified by the Board of Management.

#### **Organisational and Administrative Policies**

- The following Organisational & Administrative Policies were reviewed, adopted and ratified by the Board of Management:
  - 1. Anti-Bullying Policy;
  - 2. Safety, Health and Welfare Statement and Risk Assessment;

- 3. Protected Disclosures (Whistleblowing) Policy;
- 4. Substance Use Policy (Input was sought on this policy from the Parents' Association of the school).

These policies are available to view in the '*School Policies*' section of the school website <u>https://shanahoens.weebly.com/</u> as outlined above.

#### **Building Project/Maintenance/Upgrades**

• Micheál Delaney (Chairperson) and Barry Whelan (Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management) gave an update on the school's building project and on maintenance and general upgrades completed over the Summer months. Please see the '*Appendix*' below for a list of same.

#### **Best Wishes**

• The Board of Management conveyed its very best wishes to the pupils and staff of the school in advance of reopening on the 27<sup>th</sup> August and for a safe, happy and productive year thereafter.

#### **Next Meeting**

• The next meeting of the Board of Management is scheduled to take place on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September.

(See '*Appendix A*' below regarding the Building Project and information on general maintenance and upgrades completed over the Summer months).

## Appendix A

# Updates on the Building Project and Maintenance/Upgrades completed over the Summer Months 2021

### **Painting/Decorating**

- Painting of the corridor in the original school building.
- Painting of Mrs. Brickley's room.
- Painting of Ms. Burnell's room.
- Painting of the new 'Sensory Room'.
- Painting of the ceiling in Mrs. O'Connor's room.
- Repainting of the exterior windowsills at the rear of the school.

## **General Maintenance/Upgrades**

- Conversion of the small room/former cloakroom opposite the former front door into a sensory room.
- New noticeboards in different locations around the school.
- New flooring in Mrs. Brickley's and Mrs. O'Connor's rooms.
- New shelving in the staffroom and in the hall presses in the new extension.
- Completion of the ramp at the side entrance to the new classroom/extension.
- Repairs to the windows in the original school building and in the Junior Classroom/Ms. Burnell's Room.
- All windows and the glass panels in exterior and interior doors were professionally cleaned.
- New library shelves in Mrs. Brickley's room.
- A new whiteboard in Ms. Burnell's room. Re-use of the old whiteboard in our outdoor classroom area.
- Professional cleaning of the monument at the front of the school.
- New signage (including Covid-19 signage) around the school.
- Purchase of a dehumidifier.
- Deep cleaning and sanitisation of all areas.

# **Electrical Work**

• New energy efficient central light fittings installed in Mrs. Brickley's and Mr. Whelan's rooms.

- New energy efficient central light fittings installed in the boys' and girls' toilets in the original school building.
- Installation of a sensor light at the former front door.
- New light switches in Mr. Whelan's room, in the sensory room and outside of the toilets in the original school building.
- New electrical sockets in the sensory room.

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• Servicing of all laptops for pupil use in the computer room.