



Agreed Report: Board of Management Meeting 22nd January 2022

Condolences

The Board of Management expressed its condolences to Sonia McDonnell on the death of her uncle Chris Kelly (RIP) at Christmas and to the Kirwan family on the death of Martin (RIP) yesterday.

‘Living Our Ethos’

Miriam Brickley (Deputy Principal) outlined different Religious events and celebrations that will be taking place in the term ahead:

Confirmation for 5th & 6th class: Sunday, 3rd April 2022 at 2.p.m in St. Brigid’s Church, Shanahoe.

First Holy Communion: Saturday, 28th May 2022 at 1p.m in St. Brigid’s Church, Shanahoe.

5th and 6th class (Confirmation candidates) will attend mass in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix on Friday, 21st January as the mass is being celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty.

We will have an in-school mass for pupils and staff in St. Brigid’s Church, Shanahoe on Tuesday, 25th January 2022 to mark Catholic Schools Week.

Fr. Paddy has convened a meeting for the parents/guardians of the Confirmation class to take place at 3:30p.m on Wednesday, 26th January 2022.

Finance

The school’s current financial position was outlined by Micheál Delaney. The Board expressed its appreciation to the parent body and wider school community for their generosity towards fundraising initiatives before Christmas.

Principal’s Role on the Board of Management

The Principal’s role on the Board of Management was outlined by Barry Whelan.

Principal’s Report

The Principal’s report to the Board of Management was given by Barry Whelan.

Headings on the report included:

- Child Safeguarding;
- Anti-Bullying;
- Safer Internet Day-8th February. Activities will be organised across the school;
- Attendance;
- Active Schools/Sports and the renewal of the Active Flag;
- Levelled readers- currently being sourced by Kay O'Connor (SET) using the money raised from the Readathon in November;
- Assessment Policy-currently under review by staff;
- Whole School Plan for History-currently under review by staff together with the formulation of a three year cycle within same to ensure continuity and progression in teaching and learning in History;
- Shanahoe School's Collection for the Modern Era;
- Pupil Wellbeing: daily mindfulness and meditation activities;
- Maintenance Works completed over Christmas and works outstanding to be completed in the coming weeks.

Applications for Admission to Junior Infants for 2022-2023

The school will be accepting applications for Admission to Junior Infants for the school year 2022-2023 from 13th January 2022 to 10th February 2022. All information regarding the Admissions process can be accessed under the 'Parents' tab on the school website <https://shanahoens.weebly.com/>

Policies

The revised '*Code of Behaviour*' was ratified at the board meeting. Input on the draft/revised code was sought from Board of Management members, the Parent body, Staff and Pupils (Student Council focus group). The revised code is now available to view and download under the '*Organisational & Administrative Policies*' tab on the school website.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 situation and the school's '*COVID-19 Policy Statement and Response Plan*' and the procedures and protocols therein, were reviewed and discussed at the meeting.

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Management of the school will take place on Monday, 7th March 2022 D.V