

### Board of Management Agreed Report 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022

A report on Therapy Supports and CCSS was presented by C. Manley for consideration by the Board. It was agreed that the report's very grave findings had implications for the patron and partners in education at a national level and is being submitted to Cork Education and Training Board.

The school's first inspection report *Supporting the Safe Provision of Schooling 30/11/21* has been published and the Board congratulated all the school staff on the hard work behind this very positive report. It was agreed that the disruption in our school could have been much worse, and the efforts of all staff were commended.

The school takes very seriously the safety of all students. Repairs to access controls have been finished and new procedures are in place to ensure the securing of the premises, especially the perimeter. A change to parking arrangements has been put in place, restricting parents from parking in particular zones and further measures will be considered in the coming weeks.

The final stages of building works is ongoing, with landscaping and planting scheduled for August. Work on the sensory room is scheduled to be finished before the end of June. This will be an excellent resource for all students.

An information session for new parents was held in the school and was very positively received. Visits to the school are scheduled for families over the next two weeks with an induction day planned on 9th June. Classes will finish at 12 to facilitate this.

The Covid Learning and Support Scheme (CLASS) will result in much additional teaching in the final term, with class groups focussing on social skills development and individualised learning. This has been a very positive part of our last term. School tours are also planned for classes throughout June 2022.

The school continues to expand its links with partners in education. The Cork Special School Principals Group works together to improve special educational services across Cork city and county. The school is also making links with other ETB special schools outside of Cork and is seeking membership of the National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education. (NABMSE)

The Parents' Association has been working on the redecorating of two cabins to be used as a social hub and gym for senior students. The Board also approved a request to engage in fundraising by the PA the details of which are to be finalised. The agreed goal would be the purchasing of graded literacy schemes which will benefit all students.

One Section 29 appeal relating to a refusal to enrol due to oversubscription is ongoing with the Department expected to make a decision shortly.

The Board extended its congratulations to Amy Buckley for completing a Post-Graduate Diploma in Special Education. The Board also wished Mark Driscoll, Teacher, well on his recent engagement.

The Board also acknowledged the considerable work done by staff to launch the school in very difficult circumstances.