

Board of Management Agreed Report 29th February 2024

This was the first meeting of the new Board of Management which will serve until 2027.

The members are:

William Haughey, Parent Nominee to the Board.

Mary Hickey, Parent Nominee to the Board.

Indira Doonan, Teacher Nominee to the Board.

Finn Ó'Murchú, Community Nominee to the Board and Chairperson.

Peter Collins, Community Nominee to the Board.

Una O'Donnell, Cork ETB Nominee to the Board.

Mary Rose Desmond, Cork ETB Nominee to the Board.

Colm Manley, Principal and Secretary to the Board.

The Board welcomed Zeda Stanley, SNA to the staff and congratulated Chloe Harrington on her appointment as Assistant Principal to the school.

The Board formally adopted the revised Appropriate Behaviour Policy, and the school's revised Admissions Policy and Admissions Notice for 2024-25. These are available to all parents and staff through the school website.

There was much discussion regarding the provision of disability services to students in our school and the Board will be in communication with Cork ETB to advocate for on our students' behalf.

It has been a busy start to the year, with training for teaching staff for Junior Cycle. All staff attended a toileting workshop with our local disability service, and SNAs and Bus Escorts completed paediatric first-aid training. CAMHS held an outreach clinic in the school in early February, and the school has received provisional approval to participate in Towards Inclusion, a partnership project with a neighbouring mainstream primary school. The school has also hosted placements for work experience for a Transition Year student and a student from Cork College of FET. The school has also been in close contact with other agencies through the Child and Family Support Networks.

The Board acknowledged the continued hard work of the staff and also that of the Parents' Association, which is in the process of planning for further fund-raising and preparing for a graduation celebration as our first cohort of students near the completion of their three-year Junior Cycle programme.