**Castleconnell National School Board of Management Meeting Agreed Report**

**Monday 31st January 2022**

1. Apologies:

AH, BC, TH

1. Minutes of last meeting- Read and Adopted
2. Matters Arising- none

School Policies Check all policy statements for legislative change

No legislative changes

1. Covid 19 Update- still working on previous circular – no updates/ changes. Note to board from Principal that it is very difficult in schools at present due to staff shortages & children absenteeism due to restricting movements & a nationwide substitute crisis.
2. Admissions/Enrolment Applications Update- 35 names on list at present for Junior Infants 2022.
3. School Building/Maintenance- Lights in hall and Helens office replaced. Magnetic lock on front door replaced. Sensor light erected on walkway at the side of school to facilitate entry to astro pitch. One spot light still to be erected. Leak on roof fixed, door stops purchased for all doors.

Engineer consulted re Hepa filters for our school. Ventilation due to windows at both sides of the room and open doors deemed to be adequate. CO2 monitors in all classrooms except for 5th due to small class sizes.

1. Update on possible footpath outside school- email from Cllr Sarah Kiely, funding has been released for such works. Has spoken to engineer in relation to funding and also Karen O’ Donnell who is the county council safe routes to school co-ordinator. Dean Lillis – past pupil had called spoken to Cllr Kiely and asked for immediate attention to be given to this. RR is now expecting a meeting to be organised with Karen O’ Donnell.
2. Grant Application Update: No new update. RR needs to get back in contact with BC before any further steps can be taken.
3. Treasurers Report – Last year’s accounts have been forwarded to the accountant to be audited and uploaded to FSSU. No report as AH was not present

**Principals Report**

1. P/T Meetings took place last week via phone call for all classes except 6th .
2. Our PDST support day scheduled for Friday January 28th was postponed and will now take place on March 1st. There is no closure for this date. Teachers will be covered by the Principal and SET’s in order to meet the advisor.
3. All school personnel now have the PDST Child Protection eLearning programme for all school personnel fully completed.
4. Work on our active school flag is ongoing. A committee have been formed, an inventory of all equipment has been done and we are in the process of ordering some new PE equipment. We are also taking part in feel good Friday every week.
5. LLO has begun in Senior Infants class.
6. Mata sa Rang, Guided Reading and Words their Way are continuing in a number of classes throughout the school.
7. Peter Nash has started back with us for GAA coaching. He is giving us 1.5 hours per week up to mid-term. He is working with 2nd to 4th on running techniques.
8. I would hope that some of our after school classes can return in the next 2 weeks and I would hope that we can return to some of our extra-curricular activities from March.
9. Swimming for 3rd, 4th and 5th class is to take place in March and April.
10. 3 of our 4 Co-Op students have begun their placements with us and are getting on very well. The 4th student has had a delay in his Garda vetting but should start in the next week.
11. 3 TY students will begin a week long placement with us on February 14th. 2 of these are past pupils.
12. 6th class Confirmation enrolment ceremony takes place tomorrow night at 7 pm in Castleconnell church
13. Confirmation takes place on Saturday 21st May and First Communion takes place on Saturday 28th May.
14. The substitute crisis has continued since our last meeting. I am required to inform the Board when I have been unable to source a qualified sub. This has occurred on every school day since our last Board of Management meeting and will continue this week.
15. I wish to inform the board that the past few months have been the most difficult in my time as Principal of the school in terms of staffing. There have been days when it has been a successful day just to keep the school fully open i.e not having to send classes home because of a lack of qualified staff. This situation is continuing at present.
16. Teachers Report- all info contained in Principals report
17. Parents Report – PA meeting to be held 1st February
18. A.O.B and Correspondence

All Board Members have completed CPMSA child protection training

1. Date of next meeting: 28th March 2022