

The meeting of the Board of Management of Good Counsel College took place in the Conference Room on January 23rd 2017.



001/2017 Apologies Mr Paddy Breen and Mr Brian O'Brien

002/2017 The meeting started with a prayer.

Proposed: Gay Calvey

Seconded: Carmel Cleere

003/2017 The Board expressed its sympathies to Kieran O'Mahony on the death of his father.

004/2017 Matters Arising

- No response from parents of either boy suspended by the Board for incident outside of school hours involving teachers property.

005/2017 Correspondence

1. Personal Leave was approved for 4 teachers.
2. Appeal against suspension was withdrawn.
3. Parental Leave for [REDACTED] was approved from January 25th to March 31st.
4. Parental Leave was approved for [REDACTED] from April 24th to May 29th.
5. Parental leave was approved for [REDACTED] up to April 24th.
6. Job Share application from [REDACTED] was approved subject to DES approval.
7. Job Share application from [REDACTED] was approved subject to DES approval.
8. Job Share application from [REDACTED] was approved subject to DES approval.
9. Job Share application from [REDACTED] was approved subject to DES approval. The Board also approve a Career Break application subject to DES approval. [REDACTED] will need to make a decision on which to accept.

The Board noted that pedagogical priorities will in all cases of job sharing take precedence over personal requests.

10. Child Protection Training available for all Board members from PDST. C Cleere, P French and N Sutton will attend.

006/2017 2 referral to HSE under CPG.

007/2017 Discipline Issues

- 2 - 2 day suspensions from BOM
- 16 - 1 day suspension
 - 2 fighting
 - 3 mitching
 - 2 mobile phones
 - 1 inappropriate behaviour
 - 9 discipline committee

008/2017 A list of those substitute teachers employed as part of the Online Claims System. (OLCS) was shared with to BOM.

Again, the difficulty in attracting and keeping Irish Substitutes is proving unsatisfactory. An unqualified lady with Irish and French at undergraduate level has had to be employed to cover a maternity leave. Multiple advertisements have been placed. Four day rule will apply.

009/2017 Financial Report.

- Bank A/c Balances as presented.
- Accounts were presented. Still some anomalies in the presentation of figures with the transfer to SAGE 50.
- Further training for accounts personnel is being planned.

010/2017 Current Issues

1. Principals' Report

TY Christmas
Carols

Senior/U16
Football

U14 Hurling

TY Christmas
Radio

Senior/Junior
Rugby

House Exams

6 days
supervised study

2nd Years to
Young Scientist

TY Core Training

Chess V Gorey
CS

Handball

WIT Open Day

Hosted County
Badminton

Cycle Against
Suicide Congress

1st P/T Meetings

Careers Night

Mock Exams

2. Building Project

The project is on schedule with handover on February 17th.

3. Additional Deputy Principal

- The DES have announced the additional ex-quota deputy principal post.
- Mr M O'Brien, Mr A O'Brien, Fr O'Reilly and Fr Brennock attended JMB Seminar on the process in Dublin.
- The secretary will inform the trustees of the additional post and begin the process of appointment.

AOB

11/2017 ICT Grant – The Board will establish a subcommittee to work on a strategic plan for the use of this annualised grant. Mr Neil Sutton is Board representative on this.

The Data Protection Policy will be discussed at the next meeting.

An agreed pay structure will be put in place regarding the schools administration staff.

Permission is given to APS Ltd to use photographs of Ostia in its promotional material.

The feasibility of a Graduation Mass was raised by a trustee nominee to the Board.

Next meeting February 27th 2017 at 7pm.

Proposed: _____ Seconded: _____

Chairperson: _____ Date: _____