

**The meeting of the Board of Management of Good Counsel College took place in the Conference Room on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017.**



040/2017 Apologies Mr Paddy Breen and Brian O'Brien. Absent Mr Neil Sutton

041/2017 The meeting started with a prayer.

042/2017 Minutes and Matters Arising.

March 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

Proposed: Carmel Cleere

Seconded: Pauline French

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

The Secretary was asked to amend item 038/2017 from the meeting of June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

043/2017 Correspondence

1. Personal Leave was approved for seven teachers.
2. Letter of resignation from Mr Gerard Murphy. The Board acknowledged his contribution and commitment to the College and wished him and his family well in their future.
3. Correspondence from the JMB, HSE National Immunisation Office (HSE) and Regret was considered regarding vaccination programmes. The Board will follow the advice issued by the JMB in Bulletin 6 2017/18.
4. Correspondence from Belong offering training to Board of Management members.
5. TUSLA – regarding ICT upgrades and Attendance Strategy.

044/2017 Health and Safety

- Updated Health & Safety Statement as of September 2018.
- Child Protection Checklist was completed: Action – ensure Parents Association have a copy of and are aware of Child Protection Policy.
- Child Protection Policy linked to Children First procedures was adopted without modification.
- No referrals to TUSLA since our last meeting.

045/2017 Discipline Issues

- Seven by one day suspensions for being absent from school without permission.

046/2017 Substitution/Part-time teachers

- Those teachers engaged in substitution were identified to the Board.
- A number of teachers are on reduced hour contracts and they are being offered substitution and part time hours as recommended by DES and JMB.

047/2017 Finance Sub Committee Report

Accounts for the year to September 2017 were presented.

The significant deficit in the running of the dining room was discussed and identified as an area of focus for the next board.

Receipts & Payments accounts for the shops and leisure club were also presented.

Bank account balances were outlined.

048/2017 Current Issues

1. Admissions Policy

In the absence of any movement on the Admissions Bill the Board of Management reviewed and ratified the Admission Policy for 2018/19.

2. Garda Vetting Policy

Ratified by the Board.

3. Data Protection Policy

Ratified by the Board and Fr O'Reilly thanked for his contribution to the development of the policy.

Attention was drawn to the GDPR which will replace this policy in the future.

4. Analysis of Junior and Leaving Certificate results based on statistics presented to all Board members. The Board congratulates all parents and their sons on their results and commends the staff of the College for their work in supporting our students.

5. Circular 15/2017  
A short presentation was given by the Secretary on the implications of the Circular.
6. The revised school calendar for 2017/18 was ratified.
7. As this is the last formal meeting of the current Board the Secretary thanked all members for their contribution to the College. It was noted that the Board has dealt with a number of complex issues since its appointment in 2014.
8. Fitness to Teach  
The implications of Part 5 (fitness to teach) of the Teaching Council Acts 2001-2015 was summarised to the Board.

049/2017 JMB

The JMB is still advising that we should not begin the process of filling our two vacant Assistant Principal positions as a new circular is imminent in relation to this.

**AOB**

50/2017 Clarity was sought regarding attendance at Board meetings.

Bike to work scheme was approved.

The Board will meet briefly on October 16<sup>th</sup> with a meal afterwards for Board members.

Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_