

The meeting of the Board of Management of Good Counsel College took place in the Learning Support Building on February 29th 2016.



029/2016 Apologies [REDACTED]

030/2016 Fr O'Reilly started the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the previous meetings were read;

Proposed: Paddy Breen

Seconded: Gay Calvey

031/2016 Correspondence

1. Clarification sought [REDACTED] regarding 2 ½ % pay increase.
2. Applications for personal leave approved.
3. Geography Dept. request (on the agenda)

032/2016 0 referral to HSE under CPG.

033/2016 Discipline Issues

- 2 – 1 day suspensions – mitching.
- 2 – 1 day suspensions – foul language.
- 1 – 2 day suspension – directed foul language.
- 2 – 3 day suspension – mitching.
- 1 – 3 ½ day suspension – misbehaviour.

Correspondence from [REDACTED] was considered. The principal was directed to engage in the mediation process with TUSLA and [REDACTED]

033/2016 A list of those substitute teachers employed as part of the Online Claims System. (OLCS) was distributed to BOM.

034/2016 Finance Sub Committee Report to the Board.

1. All payments & lodgements up-to-date.
2. Accounts approved.
3. Pay increases have been made.

035/2016 Principals Report to the BOM.

1. North South Project. Support from PDST with Class 2CN focusing on 1916.
2. 6th Year Art Trip
3. Sky Sports Living Sport programme

4. Darragh Joyce, past pupil 2015, acknowledged with prestigious UCD Ad Astra award.
5. 1st and 3rd Year subject choices currently in process.
6. Saturday February 6th saw incoming 1st year assessments.
7. Mock exams concluded. Another vacancy exists now in Posts of Responsibility due to retirement. DES Moratorium means Principal and Deputy Principal took on the additional duties previously attached to the post.
8. 5th Year English students attended J. B. Keane's Big Maggie.
9. Behaviour Review Committee has met twice – further meetings scheduled.
10. Jim Breen – Cycle Against Suicide – addressed students from third year up. We are an anchor school this year with the cycle arriving on May 4th.
11. Irish Mock Orals are underway.

The Board thanks all teachers for their work.

036/2016 Current Issues

1. Geography Department Request
 - While acknowledging the positive impact the request for 24 students' maximum per geography class at senior cycle may have the Board cannot grant the request on the following grounds.
 - i. Current staffing allocations.
 - ii. The precedent that would be set for all subjects.
 - iii. Geography is not the only subject that has an action project attached to it at senior cycle.
 - iv. Geography is not universally accepted as a science subject on application to university.
 - v. The current directive from ASTI states 30 as the maximum.
 - vi. In this academic year the following number of students in classes are:
 1. 6th Year – 3 classes of 20, 24 & 28 students plus a small Learning Support Class.
 2. 5th Year – 4 classes of 19, 19, 27 & 30 plus a small Learning Support Class.
2. Admissions 2016/17
 - S.29 Appeal not upheld.
3. Schedule of Policy Review.
 - CCTV and Data Protection – Fr O'Reilly, Neill Sutton and Mark O'Brien will work on this and report to the Board.

4. Gym Finances

- Finances were considered and the Gym is in a surplus position.

5. Building Project.

- First 25% payment for the works has been drawn down.
- Scheduled completion dates:
 - i. Villanova – September 2016
 - ii. ASD – January 2017.

037/2016 JMB

Mark O' Brien attending a Budgeting Seminar in Kilkenny.

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038/2016 Next meetings:

- April 11th
- May 23rd

Proposed: _____ Seconded: _____

Chairperson: _____ Date: _____