

The meeting of the Board of Management of Good Counsel College took place in Room 9 September 22nd 2015.



054/2015 Apologies Mr Paddy Breen & Mr Brian O'Brien

055/2015 Fr O'Reilly started the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the previous meetings were read;

Proposed: Mr Neil Sutton

Seconded: Mr Gay Calvey

056/2015 Matters Arising

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057/2015 Correspondence

1. Applications for personal leave from staff were approve approved.

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3. Fr Hennebry osa, wrote regarding the establishment of the Augustinian Schools Trust effective from September 1st 2015.

[REDACTED]

058/2015 0 referral to HSE under CPG.

The Board ratified the Child Protection Policy for 2015/16 and completed the Checklist for Annual review. Mr Mark O'Brien is the schools Designated Liaison Person while Mr Aidan O'Brien is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person.

059/2015 0 Discipline Issues

060/2015 A list of those substitute teachers employed as part of the Online Claims System. (OLCS) was not available. This will be included on the Agenda of the Boards next general meeting.

061/2015 Finance Sub Committee Report to the Board.

1. All payments & lodgements up-to-date.
2. Accounts for June, July & August approved.
3. IT spend over the summer months was highlighted and the need for a contingency fund was highlighted.
4. The Board thanks parents for their continued financial support through the Voluntary Contribution scheme.

5. The Board will consider the introduction of a once off standard charge to cover photocopying and other classroom expenses.
6. Heating costs to be monitored given the significant increase in the past 12 months.

062/2015 Principals Annual Report to the BOM.

The Principals report which had been circulated prior to the Board meeting was considered. Once Board members have had the opportunity to reflect on its content they will make responses to Mr Mark O'Brien. It is intended that it will be available on the school website.

063/2015 Current Issues

1. Beginning of school year.

- Enrolment at September 1st was 822.
- Trained Uinitas Leaders working with 1st years on transition.

- Subject choices have been made with some movement as Junior Certificate results filter through.

2. Code of Behaviour Ratification

- The Board ratified the Code of Behaviour.
- The Board ratified the Suspension & Expulsion Policy.

Staff, students and parents were commended for their hard work in this area and the development of the school charter.

3. Admissions Policy Review.

- The Board ratified the Admissions Policy for 2015/16 without amendment.
- The Board awaits guidance in relation to the Admissions Bill, yet to be passed through the Dáil.
- Admissions for 2016/17 formally begin on November 7th with the schools Open Day.

4. Junior & Leaving Certificate results.

- Results were considered and discussed by the Board.
- The Board highlighted the need to continually strive for the best results for our students while being cognisant of the contextual factors impacting on results.
- Students and teachers were commended for their efforts and performance in State Examinations.

5. Posts of Responsibility Review.

The Principal highlighted the inadequacies of provision in the existing POR schedule. This is due to;

- Retirements/Resignations
- Promotion
- Moratorium on Assistant Principal and Special Duties appointments.
- The Principal met Post Holders in August with a view to filling 'essential' vacancies. 2 Special Duties teachers have indicated a willingness to move subject to union directives.
- A full review of the Schedule of Posts should be conducted in the current year.

6. Building Project

The Board discussed the application [REDACTED]

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7. WSE-MLL

The Principal outlined the role of the Board and process surrounding the WSE-MLL. The Board will meet on October 2nd to formulate its presentation to the Inspectorate.

064/2015 JMB

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065/2015 School Tours Policy distributed for consideration and discussion at the next general Board Meeting.

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067/2015 The Board will meet at 2pm on Friday October 2nd, at 5:30pm on Wednesday October 7th to present to the Inspectorate and at 5:30am on October 22nd for feedback from the inspectorate.

068/2015 The Board was informed of Mr [REDACTED] resignation in August 2015. Mr [REDACTED] contribution to the school since 1987 was highly commended and he was wished every success in Gorey Community School.

069/2015 The Principal requested that the agreed report be made available on the school website in order to allow for a timelier and open dissemination of

information to all of those in the school community interested in the work of the Board. It was agreed to circulate an agreed report from tonight's meeting for consideration and response from Board members.

Proposed: _____ Seconded: _____

Chairperson: _____ Date: _____