

The meeting of the Board of Management of Good Counsel College took place in the Conference Room on Monday October 7th 2019.



029/2019 Apologies: Pat Wickham & Brian O'Brien

030/2019 Minutes and Matters Arising - Typos corrected

Proposed: Sheila McAuliffe

Seconded: Catherine Doyle

031/2019 Correspondence

1. Release Certification for JCT – [REDACTED] – signed off.
2. Applications for personal leave were approved.
3. Retirement letters from [REDACTED].
4. Resignation Letter from [REDACTED].
5. Update from Mr Tim Murphy, Roads Engineer of Wexford County Council on proposed safety works at the entrance of the school. Further delays and works will now commence at Easter of 2020.
6. Quote for repairs/replacement of some of the external doors in Villanova extension from NRG.
7. Stand Up Awareness week. Discussion ensued. Fr O'Reilly to seek views of the Trustees.
8. High Court Personal Injury Summons in relation to Mr [REDACTED]. He suffered a hand injury during the construction of Villanova extension. High Court record No. 2019/6552F
 - a. Principal has spoken with Crean & Crean Insurance brokers who confirmed that John Somers Construction has released the College from the claim. They have also liaised with our insurers, Allianz, who are aware of same.
 - b. This was confirmed also by Mr Somers in a phone conversation with the principal.

032/2019 Health and Safety

1. Child Protection Oversight Report presented. CP01 2019/2020.
2. The annual review of our Child Protection Policy and Safeguarding Statement was completed.

033/2019 Discipline Issues

- 2 * 1 day suspensions – AWOL
- 1 * 3 day suspension - Vandalism

034/2019 Substitution/Part-time teachers

- Those six teachers engaged in substitution were identified to the Board. It was noted that while one of these teachers was covering unpaid parental leave for a 9 week period he was not fully qualified and subject to the 4-day rule.
- The challenges of securing suitably qualified substitutes for leave was highlighted.

035/2019 Current Issues

1. Principals Report

A copy of the Principals Report for the year 1st September 2018 to 31 August 2019 was distributed to the Board.

2. Admissions Policy

The Admissions Policy was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management.

3. Leisure Club

- With changes to cover from Allianz the activities of the Leisure Club, outside of school use, are no longer covered in our policy.
- With immediate effect non-school use of the facilities must stop with the exception of clubs who specifically indemnify the College in their insurance policies.
- The Leisure Club will now only open on 2 nights per week to accommodate those groups who meet the requirements.
- [REDACTED] has been written to on 2 occasions to explain the significance of this for leasing of the Astro Turfs and advised that pay-as-you-go users should no longer be facilitated on the Astros.
- The Trustees have also been informed of this change.

4. Application for Additional Accommodation

Work is ongoing to prepare a detailed application for submission to the Building Unit. Minister Paul Kehoe visited the school to discuss our needs and offer advice regarding any submission.

5. Past Pupils Union

Inaugural meeting will be held on Saturday October 26th.

6. Proposals.

1. New Ross Town AFC and New Ross Rugby Club

The Board considered a number of proposals regarding use of Trustee owned land adjacent to the school. The principal was asked to convey these to the Trustees

2. Co Wexford GAA

The Board is supportive of this arrangement once legal heads are prepared. Again the principal was asked to convey this view to the Trustees.

036/2019 POR Selection Committee – API

██████████ recused self from the discussion.

The Board approved the following committee;

- Mr John Michael Porter – Independent Chairperson
- MS Ailbhe Ni Neachtain – BOM Nominee
- Mr Mark O’ Brien - Principal

037/2019 AOB

1. Schedule of meetings for the coming year was agreed.

Proposed: _____ Seconded: _____

Chairperson: _____ Date: _____