

AGREED REPORT – BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING – 10th FEBRUARY, 2020

- The Board congratulated Ms. Eadaoin Ní Lionáin on her appointment as Deputy Principal of the school.
- The Board welcomed Mr. Harry Harte to the school staff in the role of Special Needs Assistant.
- The Board expressed congratulations to the pupils of Second and Sixth Classes who recently enrolled in preparation for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation respectively.
- The Board congratulated the U11 and U13 Quiz Teams who represented the school excellently at the Gorey District Credit Union Quiz recently.
- The Board congratulated Fourth Class and Ms. Donohoe on representing the school at the Green Schools Marine Environment Conference 2020 and on their presentation of a wonderful project on The Grey Seal.
- The Board congratulated Aideen Geraghty, 6th Class, on being selected to represent the school in The Easons Spelling Bee.
- The Board congratulated Mia Darcy, 6th Class, on having a piece of writing selected for publication in the Fighting Words Environmental Book.
- The Board welcomed Ms. Sorcha Howell & Mr. Kenny Malone who have joined the staff of Gorey School Completion Programme and who will be working periodically in Tara Hill N.S. as part of their role.
- The Board sincerely thanked Ms. Áine Osborne for acting up as Deputy Principal until a formal appointment was made.
- The Board would like to thank Mr. Enda Rensing for all his assistance to the school over the past number of years and wish him every future success.
- The Board congratulated Ms. Eadaoin Ni Lionáin on being awarded best actress at the All Ireland Open Drama Competition.

ENROLMENT:

The Board formally approved 31 applications for Junior Infants 2020.

BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE

- David Gregan has assisted with various roof leaks.
- A valve was replaced in the boiler.
- A number of toilet seats were replaced. Repairs were carried out on the flushing mechanisms on a number of toilets and leaking taps have been repaired.
- Stage storage was found on site. The principal will monitor its use and ease of use.
- The principal is working on tenders for the sensory path in the school.
- Two emergency lights in the corridor have been repaired. A number of light fittings have been modernised and replaced.
- Routine garden and grounds maintenance has continued.
- Repairs have been carried out to a number of pupil desks.
- Framed class photos and school certificates have been hung in the corridor.
- The trees on the approach to the bus gate have been staked for stability.
- Bulbs and flowers have been planted.
- The school applied for and received an apple tree from the Gorey 400 initiative.

- The Health and Safety Statement was updated by Ms Eadoain Ní Lionáin and the Principal. Mr. Séan O’Leary has agreed to act as BOM Health and Safety Representative.
 - All relevant persons have been garda vetted in accordance with protocol to date. Relevant documentation is on file in the school.
 - The security alarm has been serviced.
 - The fire alarm has been serviced and Apex Fire provided training to Ms Ní Lionáin, in relation to using the alarm for fire drill purposes, in her capacity as health and safety staff representative.
- The Board formally approved whole staff training on the use of fire extinguishers.

ACCOUNTS

The Board formally approved a draft of the 2018-2019 audited accounts for submission to the FSSU section of the Dept. of Education & Skills.

POLICIES

The following policies were ratified by the Board.

- Critical Incident Policy
- Critical Incident Management Plan
- Health and Safety Statement
- Attendance Strategy 2020-2023.

ACTIVITIES

- Cookery, Drama and Ukulele continue.
- Guitar lessons have commenced for 4th to 6th classes and will run until just after Easter.
- Stretch and Grow Lessons for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class will commence before Easter.
- Bootcamp Classes for all classes will commence before Easter.
- Swimming lessons are continuing for 2nd and 4th Classes.
- Gorey School Completion Programme will facilitate the Incredible Years Programme in Senior Infants and also the Ready, Steady, Let Go Programme in Sixth Class.