

**Knocknacarra Educate Together NS**  
**Board of Management Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 19.00**

**Present:** Paul Adams (chairperson and patron nominee), Jennifer Noonan (patron nominee), Ali Donald (male parent nominee), Emily King (female parent nominee), Margaret Wright (teacher nominee) and Matt Wallen (principal and secretary)

Paul chaired the meeting.

**Principal's Report**

**Enrolment**

- There are currently 208 pupils enrolled in eight classes. One new child enrolled this week.
- We anticipate an enrolment of 210 by December.
- The window for enrolment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open and will close in January.

**Attendance**

- The attendance percentage year-to-date is 93.2%. Several children have missed more than 20 days, which we are obligated to report to Túsla.

**Curriculum Development**

- Matt spoke at length with the inspector regarding the report recommendations as well as spelling. This will inform the activities of the working groups.
- Teachers have been surveyed regarding wellbeing. Parents are currently being asked to complete a survey. Children will be surveyed as well as participate in class discussions.
- Teachers are beginning to use the revised Learn Together Curriculum, and a plan for the revision of the Learn Together Curriculum Plan is underway.

**Policies**

- Several policies are up for review over the course of this school year.
- We will look at drafting a new Sustainable Environment Policy/Statement.

**Building**

- We are awaiting the consultant's report regarding the Emergency Works Grant for the prefab.
- While it appears there has been some improvement regarding the roof in the main building, there does still appear to be some leakage. We have not received a reply from the consultant after two attempts.
- A planning application for a sign on the building will be submitted next week. A notice was placed in the newspaper as well as placed at the front gate. Permission from the Department of Education has been received.

**Misc. Events/Information**

- The work towards the Digital Arts Flag with Branar has been completed. A portfolio will now be submitted to complete the project.
- We received a visit from the Gaelbhratach coordinator. We also received a visit from the Green Schools coordinator.
- The NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment) is coming to record lessons in 6<sup>th</sup> Class regarding Traveller culture next week that will be shared as model lessons for other schools.
- Two teams will represent the school at a Science Quiz as part of the Science and Technology Festival this Friday.
- The choir participated in a workshop at University of Limerick in preparation for their Peace Proms performance in January.
- A free, family-friendly table quiz will take place in the school on Friday starting at 18.30 and hosted by the Parent-Teacher Association.
- A variety of workshops and special activities for Science Week are taking place including a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> visit to the City Museum.
- An Open Evening for prospective families will take place on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 18.30 to 19.30. This is an informal event. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class School Ambassadors have begun their training, and they will play a key role in speaking to families at the Open Evening.
- A new afterschool club, D&D, is being offered to 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class children starting next week.

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- Teachers are collaborating to teach Gaelic football lessons from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class over the next few weeks. A boys and a girls team will be formed soon to participate in Cumann na mBunscol events.
- A soccer league was completed during the senior yard time. A new basketball league will commence soon.
- Student Council is organising events on Monday for World Children's Day.
- Irish classes for parents will begin this Wednesday and Friday morning.

#### **Financial Report**

- Budget targets are being met.

#### **Co-opting Community Nominees**

- The Board discussed skill sets, and while the areas of law and architecture were raised, there weren't any obvious candidates. Two potential candidates were discussed and will be approached.

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