



Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear - Bayside SNS

Board of Management Annual Report June 2020

Board of Management 2019-2023

This year a new Board was appointed as follows:

Chairperson – Oliver Flynn
Treasurer – Páraic O' Carroll
Secretary – Janet Lynch
Teacher Nominee – Peter Reddy
Parent Nominees – Páraic O' Carroll & Catriona Bradley
Community Reps – Máire Costigan & David O' Shea
Patron's Nominee – Séamas Ó Cróinín

School Ethos

As a Catholic school the Board of Management arranged for school participation in a number of religious celebrations during the year including: Catholic Schools week, Confirmation preparation, the 6th classes attended monthly 10 Mass on Wednesdays and all classes received ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thanks to the parish team for facilitating all of these religious celebrations for us.

School Achievements

The Board is very proud of the many successes of staff and pupils this year which include: competing at Fingal Athletics, Cumann na mBunscol, the Badminton blitz and the Futsal tournament. We also held our very successful Bay Scifest in the hall and pupils from our school were accepted into the BT Young Scientists exhibition in the RDS. All classes also took part in our school Spelling Bee competition and senior classes were involved with the Junior Entrepreneurs programme. Thanks to all involved for their hard work and commitment to our school.

Parents' Association (PABS)

The Board would like to thank all the members of the Parents' Association for their hard work and fundraising efforts during the school year, including the Book Fair, the movie night, the cake sale, the clothes recycling collections, and the Safer Internet Day coffee morning. PABS donated €1500 to the school which was used towards cycling workshops and tennis lessons for the pupils. PABS also consulted with us on our policy updates and we appreciate all their feedback.

Policy Work

Policies that the Board have worked on this year include:

- Review of Anti-Bullying policy
- Review of Child Protection policy
- New Admissions policy
- Assistive Technology agreement

Staffing

Ms. Raftice and Ms. Callan will continue on career break for the next school year. Ms. Treacy also continues her secondment with the PDST. We welcome back Ms. Murray, who is returning from career break, and Ms. De Brit, Ms. Duffy and Ms. Kelly Rogers who are back after maternity leave. We wish Ms. Gleeson, Ms. Marisa O' Mahony and Ms. Delaney well as they move on from Bayside SNS. Please see attached for detailed class allocation for 2020/2021.

School Improvements

Following the installation of new windows, external doors and window blinds last summer, the Board of Management replaced all the old furniture in the school. All pupil chairs were replaced and new desks and shelving were installed throughout the school. The old Computer Room was also divided up into four new rooms, which gave us two new Support rooms, a meeting room and an archive room, and these rooms were furnished and resourced. All classrooms received new desktop computers and teachers were given the use of chromebooks to assist with school planning, teaching and learning. School printers and photocopiers were also replaced. We launched a new website and online payment system as well as the Aladdin Connect system for parent/school communication. We have also repaired or replaced all classroom projectors. The external window sills and the presses in the shared areas have been painted and refurbished. The classroom floors are being sealed and polished over the summer and the cleaning staff have given everywhere a deep clean. We are also improving our school yard as a surprise for our pupils when they return to school after sacrificing so much during the pandemic. In addition, the Board has applied to replace the school roof and ceiling and we hope this application will be sanctioned by the Department in the future.

Curricular Development

Our School Self Evaluation continues to focus on the area of SPHE and Stay Safe. Feedback from the pupils shows that more of our students now know the Stay Safe rules. We will also focus on the area of Wellbeing for our school community. The 6th classes led us in a very successful Safer Internet Day this year, culminating in an exhibition in the hall and Amber awards for our pupil ambassadors. All teaching staff attended an inservice day in Drumcondra Education Centre, during the school year, on the new Primary Language Curriculum.

School Calendar

The Board has approved the calendar for the 2020/2021 school year. A copy is enclosed with this report. We wish all members of the school community a lovely summer. The school plans to reopen on Friday 28th August.

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