**Agreed Report by BOM from Meeting held 29/01/2018**

**Board of Management 2017/2018**

Chairperson Joseph O’Shaughnessy

Secretary Emer Russell

Teacher Nominee Louise Whittle

Parent Nominees Noel Ivanoff

Treasurer Concepta Church

**Condolences**

The Board of Management wish to send condolences to Paula D’Arcy, Niall Breen & Maria Breen on the loss of their grandmother, Catherine Breen.

**Safety Statement**

A Safety Statement was drawn up between Emer Russell, Nicola Byrne & Louise Whittle. This involved a risk assessment of current procedures in place in the school and new safety procedures have been put in place to address areas of risk.

The safety concern of parents parking along the side of the road was raised.

**The Board requests that parents only park in designated parking spaces**

**Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools Week started Monday 29th of January.

The Board wish to acknowledge Nicola Byrne for co-ordinating the events of Catholic Schools week in our school.

Grandparents Day will be held 9th of February.

**Green Schools**

The Green Schools Committee have been very active over the past few weeks. The Board of Management wish to acknowledge the hard work from Maresa McDevitt in co-ordinating this programme.

**Mindfulness**

The Board wish to thank Johanna Murphy for rolling out the “Drop Everything and Breathe” initiative in the school. This will start Tuesday 30th January after training staff received on mindfulness in school. Thanks to the Board of Management for facilitating this staff training.

**Soccer**

Thanks to Peter O’Brien, a parent, who has volunteered to coach Junior & Senior Infants in soccer during P.E. lessons. This is scheduled to start 8th February, in line with all Board of Management recommendations.

**GP Hall**

The board revisited the idea of progressing with the development of the GP hall facility. There are three years left in the life of the planning permission. Members will garner support from outside stakeholders such as parents and parish members with the intention of moving forward as a community fundraising team. It is believed that the GP hall would be an asset available to both school and the wider community. Emer and Concepta will raise the idea at the PA meeting.

**ASD Unit**

The board discussed the proposal for the provision of an ASD class. This motion had been supported unanimously by teachers and subsequently board members. The provision of such a unit would be beneficial to the school in terms of providing for SEN students, upskilling for staff members and extra grants and jobs. It would also be beneficial to the building of a GP facility

**GAA Club Fundraiser**

The Board of Management have sanctioned the sponsorship of a 120km cycle to raise funds for our GAA club. This will take the form of a non uniform day and children will contribute 2e each.

**Broadband**

The Board are currently investigating the improvement of our internet supply. This improvement will see the introduction of wireless internet access. This will be a huge benefit for iPad use and project work in the school.

**Enrolment Night**

Enrolment Night will take place 21st March. Children, parents and teachers will speak on the night about the school.

**Other**

* **Religious icons** have been bought in line with the directive received from Fr. Dan O’Connor.
* **Brickz for Kids** workshop has been booked for the week before Engineers week.
* **Badges** for Active Schools Committee, Green Schools Committee and Student Council have been bought and are being worn with pride.
* **Bring your Scooter to School day** has been rescheduled to Friday 2nd February.
* As part of the Active School programme the whole school will walk up Croghan in Term 3.
* **Paired reading** has started from Junior Infants to Second Class.