**Agreed Report BOM meeting 04/11/2019**

**Present: ER, JOS, MH, CC, LW, NI**

* School will take part in Tusla Every Day Counts Attendance Campaign

**Purchases**

10 new iPads were purchased.

**Active Week**

* Active Schools Week will take place at the end of April

**Sensory Garden**

* The school has some money left over from previous fundraising endeavours. It is envisaged this money will go to creating a sensory garden. Preliminary plans are being put together and ER is looking at pricing and the feasibility of the project

**School Closures**

* By-election has been announced for 29th November. School will be in use as a polling station.
* The school were notified of a teacher training day for the new Primary Language Curriculum. The school will be closed on 16th December to allow teachers attend this training. This information has been passed to parents.

**Food Dude**

* Food Dudes requested the school engage in the programme. ER accepted and NB will receive training.

**After School Clubs**

* Letter received from Bricks for Kids wishing to extend their after-school programme up to Christmas. This was approved.
* Letter was received from a parent group in the school. This parent had received support from other parents for their request. The request was for the school to set up an after-school club for children in infant classes, to take place between 1:40-2:40. Due to no staff to facilitate and no available room at this time the BOM cannot sanction the request at this time. The board acknowledges the merit of such a facility.

**FORSA Strike**

* School received a letter from FORSA announcing a secretary strike which was to take place on September 20th. This strike took place and received great support from staff and parents. Talks are ongoing.

**Child Protection**

* Child Protection Oversight Report recorded at meeting
* Child Safeguarding Statement, Risk Assessment and BOM Child Protection Checklist were signed by Principal and Chairperson.

**CPD**

* Whole staff CPD took place by attending Brendan Culligan spelling workshop in Bearna Chle.

**Fire Drill**

* Whole school fire drill took place and a report was received

**Maths Wall**

* Maths Wall has been implemented to facilitate a whole school approach to maths. SC and ER in charge. SC will change the display every fortnight. It is colourful, inviting and interactive.

**Literacy Competition**

Literacy competition to encourage engagement with writing genres has been taking place this term. The genre this term is persuasive writing.

**Big Sing**

* 3rd-6th Classes attended the Big Sing for Mental Health Awareness Week in the Arklow Bay Hotel. The children were well behaved. ER expressed her thanks to teachers for preparing & attending.

**School activities and initiatives**

* Eanna Ní Lamhna visited the school to teach the children about biodiversity.
* Pauline and Polly visited to teach the children about CPR.
* Active School Committee will be appointed for the coming year, PD will continue to facilitate.
* Student Council has been formed and is run by LW. They have already organised the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal.
* Green School Council currently being formed and will be led by MMcD. Glitter has been banned as it’s a micro plastic.
* Newsletter will be published and distributed before Halloween.
* ER submitted a piece about the school to the Arklow parish newsletter.
* Music Generation application was successful and the school are receiving ukulele lessons for 3rd/4th class. This is going really well.
* Junior Achievement will begin after Easter. People from Elavon will facilitate prescribed lessons from Juniors to 6th.
* Wexford Library Children’s Book Festival

Juniors, Seniors, 1st/2nd & 5th/6th attended.

* 1st/2nd class will avail of the Fighting Words Creative Writing workshop.
* 5th/6th will attend a science workshop in the library.
* Wexford library complimented children on behaviour and engagement.
* 5th/6th will attend Microsoft Dreamspace in June.

**Acknowledgements**

ER extended her thanks to outgoing BOM for their Trojan work and ongoing support.

New BOM to be confirmed.