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Report from the Meeting of the Board of Management, November 23rd 2015,

Matters Arising since last Meeting

BOM training for members took place in Mohill Community College on Nov 3rd. New members to the Board, the Chairperson and Secretary attended.

Principal's Report

- 1st, 6th and 3rd year P/T meetings have taken place with an excellent turnout
- The Bradley Clinic gave a presentation to senior students on the importance of good posture and how to maintain good spinal health
- AGM of the Parents' Association took place on November 4th. Catherine Beirne is the new Chairperson and Elizabeth Gunning is the new Secretary.
- All students attended the Internet Safety Talk today. Parents have been invited to the talk this evening. Good attendance is expected. This initiative was organised by Carmel O'Neill and the Pastoral Care Team.
- "Amazing Brains" study skills programme for all exam students to take place on Wednesday next. This has been organised by Mr Daithi Hughes, Guidance Counsellor.
- Junior Cycle training for teachers to take place in school on Monday November 30th. No school for students on that day.
- Teachers have proposed to put off P/T meeting for Second Years until January. This is due to the postponement of end of term exams for non-exam years due to their involvement in rehearsals for "Annie".
- Paddy Kelly, 5th year received an award at the weekend from the Engineering Teachers Association. This award was for results obtained in his Junior Cert Metalwork exam.
- Past pupil, Fiachra Guihen to receive the UL40 Award at Limerick University. This was awarded based on his CAO points in his Leaving Certificate.
- Preparations for "Annie", the musical are ongoing with the invaluable help and expertise of Orla Daly. There will be one matinee performance and two evenings – Dec 17th, 18th and 19th.
- Building has commenced on the new extension. Principal has informed the ETB that we wish to apply for roof replacement and repair under the summer works scheme.

Financial Report

The Principal outlined the financial position – non-pay. Additional grant of €4,500 has been indicated by the DES for DCG computers.

School Planning

The principal gave a brief outline of school planning and School Self Evaluation in literacy and numeracy to date. Aspects of the School Plan currently under review were discussed. Some of the developmental issues that need to be addressed were highlighted:

- Curriculum – possibility of TY, some additional subjects. Request for Chemistry was noted.
- Organisational policies – a number of policies currently under review and will be discussed at future meetings.
- Building and infrastructure
 1. ICT – need for wifi. Expectation of ICT grant from the DES
 2. Re-opening of Library and development of Music and Drama Room
 3. Landscaping
 4. Need for more work space for staff. This was also highlighted at a previous meeting.
 5. General assembly area. Members noted that our site as it is allows no space for expansion.

AOB

The Board wishes to convey message of sympathy to the McManus family on the death of Mr Paddy McManus RIP. Members noted his extensive involvement in the construction of DVS building and other work throughout Co Leitrim VEC.

The Board congratulated Pauric Kenny, St Hugh's NS on the publication of their "Scrapbook of Regrets". Principal agreed to promote this on the school web-site.

Next meeting to take place at 5pm on January 25th , 2016.

That concluded the business of the meeting.