

Drumshanbo Vocational School

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Agreed Report of the Meeting of the Board of Management, April 11th 2016, **5pm**

Welcome

The Chairperson, Mr Francie Gilmartin welcomed all of the members and noted the apologies

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on November 23rd 2015 were approved.

Matters Arising

To be dealt with during the course of the meeting.

Correspondence

- Letter of thanks from Fr Burke for the gift presented recently.
- E-mail from ETB reminding members of the training in Mohill CC tonight.
- Letter from the DES re prescribed material for the 2018 Leaving Certificate

Principal's Report

- Ms Beirne is making an excellent recovery and expected back to school soon.
- Internet safety talk for parents took place on Nov 23rd. Had hoped for a better attendance for this very important issue. Those in attendance found it very worthwhile
- “Amazing Brains” study skills workshop for exam students held on Nov 25th
- Junior Cert Whole School In-service took place on Nov 30th
- Very successful production of “Annie” before Christmas– Nominated for award at Bord Gais awards on May 5th
- Enrolment for First Year 2016/17 is 53
- Irish subject inspection took place on Feb 23rd
- Mock exams took place from Feb 2nd to Feb 12th
- Ceol Rising concert took place on March 4th – well attended
- Events to mark Proclamation Day on March 15th
- Coffee morning on March 16th for the Hospice
- Oral and practical exams to take place between April 12th and May 13th

- Building proceeding well but a little behind schedule due to the poor weather – There is currently an issue with the boundary that is being addressed.
- Lift has been repaired
- English teachers are engaged in the In-service training for the new Junior Cert
- Options meeting to take place on this date for First Year Parents/Guardians
- Various activities were organised for Seachtain na Gaeilge, including dancing with Ger Butler
- “Girls Active” continues for next six weeks organised by Mary Tiernan
- Gaisce – Fifth year mountain hike planned. Mary Tiernan co-ordinating.
- Sports highlight was the all-Ireland volleyball win. Sport very popular with boys and girls. New teacher on the coaching team: Mr Brendan Creedon.
- Second year girls basketball blitz took place in the Mercy School, Sligo. DVS through to the North West semi-finals in May.
- Kevin Conlon held a training session for first year boys as part of the Sky Sports “Living for Sports” programme.
- A number of our students competed in the NC cross country recently

School Planning

Analysis of State Exam results

The Board analysed and discussed the results of the recent Leaving Certificate. They compared very favourably with the national results. The Board commended the students, parents and teachers. The principal acknowledged that it was a hard-working, motivated class.

Regarding Leaving Cert Irish, the percentages of A grades and B grades at Higher Level were well above the national average. This had been acknowledged recently during the Inspector’s visit.

Policies

Three policies were approved by the Board:

1. ***Attendance and Participation Policy***
2. ***Guidance Plan (Review)***
3. ***Critical Incident Policy***

AOB

The Board wishes to convey its good wishes to Ms Margaret Beirne.

The Board congratulates all involved in the very successful production of “Annie”

The Board congratulates the recent All Ireland winning volleyball team and their Coach, Mr Shannon, assisted by Mr King

Board members commiserated with Cllr Paddy O’Rourke on his close finish in the recent General Election.

The matter of considering the change of the name of the school to reflect the modern curriculum was discussed briefly. Parents and students had been surveyed last year

and there did not appear to be a desire for a change of name. The Board agreed that the issue could be reviewed next school year.

The principal informed the Board that there was a need to review the mobile phone policy. A draft proposal would be prepared for the next meeting.

Next meeting to take place at 5pm on May 23rd.

That concluded the business of the meeting.