



Our Lady of Mercy College
Beaumont, Dublin 9



Principal: Ms. Maura Gray

Deputy Principal: Ms. Ciara Howard

Board of Management Minutes of Meeting

Date: 11th December 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: School Library

1. Opening Prayer

- The meeting commenced with an Advent Reflection led by the board members.

2. Attendance

- Present: Gerry Lambe, Garret Campbell, Christina Doherty, Dolores Burke, Maura Gray (Secretary), Sheelan Yousefizadeh

- Apologies: Ashley Armstrong, Patricia Dunne

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- The minutes from the previous meeting held on 13th November were reviewed.

4. Matters Arising

- A discussion on outstanding items from the previous meeting took place, with updates provided on each item.

5. Correspondence

- Notable correspondence received:

- FEILTE Bursary Scheme

- CEIST Correspondence

- Dublin City Council

- School Meals Scheme

- NSE Team Teaching recommendations based on inspections

- Updates and necessary actions regarding Child Protection

- Review of current Anti-Bullying policies and initiatives

6. Staff Matters

- Overview of staffing updates:

- Personal Days:

- Accident Reports:

- Suspensions:



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7. Finance

- a. Finance Sub-Committee report on financial matters discussed.
- b. Matters arising:

8. Principal's Report

- Updates and key developments were shared by the Principal.

9. - Buildings and Maintenance:

- The gym has been completed.
- Roof survey conducted,

10. - School Promotion:

- ChrisMace carol singing event took place on 28th November.
- Alumni Drive ongoing.

- Ethos:

- Ember team activities included a November Prayer service and Advent reflections held each Monday at lunchtime.
- Christmas Mass scheduled for 11th December at 10 AM in the Parish.
- John Paul II awards and the Christmas food appeal.
- CEIST Space for Grace online initiative mentioned.

- Parental Involvement:

- Organising support for Cultural Day to promote diversity.
 - Planning a Christmas fundraising raffle for the school gym and activities.
 - Engaging the community through carol singing events on 4th and 10th December at Northside Shopping Centre.
 - Participation in the Tesco token scheme to raise funds for the gym.
 - Wreath making, yoga, and crafts are also being organized.
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- Partnerships with the Community:

- Collaboration with Chrismace and Feilte DCU.
- Professor Daire Keogh opened Cultural Day and presented awards.
- Hosting a group of 12 students and two teachers from Italy as part of an Erasmus project from 6th to 13th December.

9. Policies

- a. Policies under review: Homework policy was discussed.
- Status of policies currently in review was provided.

10. School Planning

- Review of ongoing school planning initiatives, specifically the School Improvement Plan.

11. Curriculum Development

- Updates on curriculum development were shared.
- Upcoming meetings:
 - LCA Meeting with Principal and Deputy Principal, Coordinator on 13th January
 - DEIS Support Meeting scheduled for 27th January at 2:50 PM

12. Specific Item

- Roof Report survey is still pending.

13. Ethos

- Updates from the Ember Team regarding the Christmas Advent prayer service and the Christmas food appeal were discussed.

14. Agreed Report

- The agreed report was reviewed and approved.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for 4th Feb 2025.
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