

Drumshanbo Vocational School

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Meeting of the Board of Management, Wednesday 21st March at 5pm **Minutes**

Attendance

Mr Paschal Mooney, Mr Enda McGloin, Cllr Paddy O'Rourke, Mr Adrian Flood Mrs Mary Gilmartin, Ms Yvonne Traynor, Mr Enda McNamara, Mr Sean Wynne (by invitation), Mr Martin Fallon (Secretary)

Apologies

Mr Francis Gilmartin

Welcome

The Acting Chairperson, Mr Adrian Flood welcomed all of the members and noted the apologies

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2017 were read and approved. Proposed by Cllr Paddy O'Rourke and seconded by Ms Yvonne Traynor

Matters Arising

To be addressed during the meeting

Correspondence

11/12/2017 – The LCVP Inspection Report

Circular 13/2018 – Religious Instruction and worship in second level schools

Principal's Report

- The success of the school musical – “The Wizard of Oz” was noted and all involved congratulated and thanked by the Board.
- The PISA survey took place on the 12th of March
- Resilience training for students – Carmel O Neill and Daithi Hughes attended on 14th /15th March
- Droichead. Four teachers are now on the Droichead Team in our school and have attended training : Ailish Kearns, Martin Fallon, Enda McNamara, Yvonne Traynor
- J Cert Irish Orals have taken place
- The principal reported 4 days of school closure due to the weather warnings. He outlined how the time is to be made up as follows:
 - Staff did not take the full day off for CP training. This was done in their own time.
 - Sports training took place after school
 - No non educational class trips

- Teachers gave and continue to give tuition during their own time in the evenings and during the school holidays
- Student Enterprise success again this year was noted.
- Yvonne Traynor organised Level 6 Digital Cert for senior students.
- Child Protection Training took place on March 20th
- First Year Open Evening and Enrolment took place on February 23rd. Fifty enrolled on the evening but others have collected application forms since. The principal estimates that between 50 – 55 will be in First Year next year.
- Sports report from the teachers was read. All staff involved in providing sports in the school were commended and the particular achievements of the volleyball teams this year was noted. Six of our students are on the national team volleyball team.
- Spanish delegation of teachers to visit the school on April 9th

There followed a discussion on teacher allocation for the coming year and the difficulties likely to be encountered.

Child Protection Report

The new Child Protection Policy was discussed.

Financial Report

Grant of €6000 available to the school for ICT. The ETB is in the process of organising Wifi throughout the school.

School Planning

The LCVP Inspection Report was discussed.

The Board requested the in school management to commence a review of the posts in the school as soon as is practicable. This was proposed by Mrs Mary Gilmartin and seconded by Cllr Paddy O'Rourke.

AOB

Paschal Mooney suggested that we would get a photo of our student members on the national volleyball team.

Enda McGloin and Paddy O' Rourke suggested applying for CLAR funding to renovate the old basketball court.

The principal noted that one of our students Sean Luke Doherty O'Brien of the group "The Flies" has organised a concert for the school.