



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING 5 OCT 2021

AGREED MINUTES

Welcome back and best wishes to all stake holders for the new academic year 2021/2022.

Best wishes to the Board of Management and Chairperson for the coming year Cllr. Pamela Kearns

Thank you and congratulations: The board wishes to thank and congratulate all the staff for their wonderful work during the last very challenging year. The board sends its best wishes to staff who are leaving and thanks them for their contribution to St Mac Dara's Community College. The board welcomes all new staff and sends best wishes to them in their career in St Mac Dara's Community College.

Leaving Certificate 2021: The Board reviewed the Leaving Certificate 2021 results. Congratulations to all staff, students, and families on their excellent results and and best wishes for the future.

Child Safeguarding: The secretary made the college CPOR (Child Protection Oversight Report) and informed the board that the
DLP for 2021/2022 is Mr. D. Ward
DDL P for 2021/2022 is Mr C. Cassidy

The secretary made reports on matters regarding bullying, recruitment and building

Stakeholders: The secretary thanked the Parents Association and the Student Council/voice for their wonderful support to the school over the past year and looks forward to working with them in 2021/2022. The secretary reported on the great work of our student council in making our stakeholders aware of student voice and matters such as covid-19, environment, and uniform.

The secretary thanked all involved in maintaining high levels of infection control against Covid-19 over the past year and that the same controls will continue as advised by HSE/Public Health.

The secretary updated the board on the work of college teams. The secretary thanked the college development/improvement teams: Teaching and Learning, SSE, SEN, SNA, Wellbeing, TEL, Pastoral Care, Guidance, Care and management teams for all their excellent work throughout the year.

School Improvement: The secretary presented the College Evaluation Report for 2020/21 and Plan for 2021/22. The “Know Your School” booklet 2021/22 was recorded as prepared for the board. The college has successfully transferred from Google Classroom to Microsoft Teams. Training for staff and students is ongoing.

School Self Evaluation is currently evaluating Positive Reinforcement VS ware.

As part of the college wellbeing planning St Mac Dara’s CC has signed up for the Connect Restorative Practice 3 year licence. Training for staff is ongoing.

St Mac Dara’s CC will continue in the Schools’ Friendly Autism Awareness programme 2021/2022.

Congratulations to staff, students, and parents on the marvellous progress on the college Sensory Garden.

Creative Schools Application: St Mac Dara’s CC have been successful in their application to the Creative Schools Project. The plan is to set up an outdoor classroom starting with starting funds awarded of €4000.

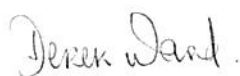
Recent staff training in RSE and SPHE took place

The secretary presented the following documents which were adopted and to be reviewed:

- Code of Positive Behaviour Policy 2021. *To be reviewed for the Board meeting 30 Nov 2021.*
- Child Protection Policy Review updated 5 Oct 2021. See notes on Child safeguarding above.
- Critical Incident Policy update 2021 5 Oct 2021. updated. *Addition of procedures when outside agencies ring with an emergency.*
- Covid-19 Response Plan updated Aug 2021.
- Safety Statement 2021 updated 5 Oct 2021.
- Attendance and Punctuality Policy: *In progress-discussion and review on new procedures for lateness 30 Nov 2021*
- Inclusion Policy update 2021. *Updated 5 Oct 2021 on responsibility holders for 2021/2022.*
- Admissions to School Policy was updated September 2021
- End of Year Principal’s Report 2021
- School Plan for 2021/2022.
- Know Your School Booklet 2021. *Updated 5 Oct 2021.*

Next Meeting Tues 30 Nov 2021

On behalf of the board



Secretary to the Board of Management