



# Christ King Girls' Secondary School

Meeting: Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: Thursday, 9th November 2023

## Agreed Report

**In attendance:** Chairperson Margaret McCormack, Niamh Dennehy, Pat Hurley, Trevor Kinch, Maria O'Callaghan. Richel Long acted as secretary to the Board of Management. Melanie O'Connor served as recording secretary to the Board of Management.

**The Opening Prayer.** The Secretary commenced the meeting with an opening prayer for students undertaking their Christmas examinations.

**Apologies:** Aoife Ronan and Joanne Smith.

**Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the previous ordinary Board of Management meeting held on 14th September 2023 were unanimously approved, Maria O'Callaghan proposed the minutes, seconded by Trevor Kinch, and signed by the Chairperson.

### Correspondence:

All correspondence was read into the Minutes of the meeting.

### Financial Report:

The bank balances of all school accounts were read into the meeting minutes.

### School Planning

- The Data Protection Policy was unanimously ratified by the Board.
- The CCTV policy was unanimously ratified by the Board
- Dignity in the Workplace is under review by a staff focus group.

**Staff Matters:**

The Board ratified the advertisement of one Permanent Assistant Principal I position.

**Child Protection Oversight Report:**

Child Protection: The Principal read the Child Protection Oversight Report into the Minutes of the Board meeting.

**Anti Bullying Report further to C45/2021:**

The overall number of bullying cases reported since the previous Board meeting is one.

As part of the ongoing review of the Anti-Bullying Policy, the attention of the Board is drawn to the following projects which are currently underway at the school aimed at highlighting key elements of anti-bullying prevention.

1. Wellbeing Indicators have been highlighted as a particular area of focus for School Self-Evaluation this year.
2. The school is working in consultation with FUSE DCU to highlight learning in the area of anti-bullying.
3. FUSE lessons have been rolled out in SPHE classes in first and second year with particular emphasis on the areas of cyber bullying, hate speech and developing an understanding of empathy.
4. Restorative Practice has been formally included in the first year timetable on a class rotation basis and will continue to remain a school priority in the coming three years.
5. Positive friendship formation and continuation remains to be a priority area for Year Tutors.
6. An Assistant Principal was appointed to the role of Positive School Climate Promotion for this academic year.

Looking At Our Schools: A Quality Framework	
Domain 1:	Teaching & Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Three additional teachers have been trained through Óide as Droichead mentor teachers. Ms Aoife Ronan, Ms Maria O' Callaghan and Mr Fergal O' Leary. The Droichead team of 2023/2024 consists of four teachers including Ms Gillian Mulchay offering mentorship to our newly qualified teachers.</li> <li>● Review of Junior Cycle results in Irish and modern foreign languages has resulted in class movement in TY. Students are grouped into classes of students who achieved grade descriptors of merit, higher merit and distinction for these subjects. Students who achieved a descriptor of not achieved, partially achieved, achieved and merit form a separate class.</li> <li>● Leaving certificate and third year parent-teacher meetings have taken place.</li> <li>● Leaving certificate parents were invited to attend a CAO presentation delivered by the guidance counsellor team of Ms McKeon and Ms S Kelleher.</li> </ul>	

- Teaching colleagues engaged with Whole School Planning and Self Evaluation focussing on the learner experiences for a quality, inclusive and relevant education.

Domain 2

Managing the Organisation

- End of Year accounts have been prepared and sent to accountants Moore Nathans.
- All staff have completed Safe School Training and Data Protection Training as provided by Ark Services.

Domain 3:

School Development

- Staff focus group are reviewing our use of Google Classroom as a teaching and learning aid.
- LCA pilot programme is progressing well using the measurements of student attendance and student engagement. Students are presenting in a positive way to the programme. Ms Mari O Reagan of LCA Oide is to work with the teaching team tomorrow Friday, 10th November.
- Dr Gearoidín O Farrell NEPS Psychologist is to work with the Guidance department and Additional Educational Needs senior coordinator on Monday, 13th November in planning school support for the coming year.

Domain 4:

Leadership Capacity



Three student projects who have successfully reached the BT Young Scientist finals.



Students leading the Team Hope Shoebox appeal



Under 19 team and Under 16 basketball team winning their matches to reach the quarter finals.



Transition Year students organising a fun morning of activities before mid term break building relationships between senior and junior year groups.



TY students attending their 2nd Lab Day of @Stempassport for Inclusion programme in the RDI Hub Killorglin having fun learning programming in Python.





World Championship Gold Medal Winner Aideen Mullins.

**A.O. B.:** No matters were brought to the attention of the Board.

**Agreed Report:**

The Agreed Report will be published on the school website and displayed on the Principal's notice board within the staff room after its ratification at the next Board meeting on Thursday 18th January 2023.

**Date of the next BOM Meeting:**

The date of the next Board of Management meeting will be 18th January 2023 at 5.30 pm

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