



Christ King Girls' Secondary School

Meeting: Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: Thursday, 29th February 2024

Venue: School Library at 5:30 pm

Agreed Report

In attendance: Chairperson Margaret McCormack, Cian Cotter, Niamh Dennehy, Trevor Kinch, Maria O'Callaghan, Aoife Ronan and Joanne Smith. Richel Long acted as secretary and recording secretary to the Board of Management.

1. The Opening Prayer: The Secretary commenced the meeting with an opening prayer.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous ordinary Board of Management meeting held on 18th January 2024 were unanimously approved.

4. Matters Arising:

No matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. Correspondence:

All items of correspondence were read into the Board meeting minutes.

6. Financial Report:

The Secretary provided an overview of the current financial position, and the bank balances of all school accounts were read into the meeting minutes.

7. School Planning:

The Board considered the draft Anti-Bullying in the Workplace policy and the draft Harassment and Sexual Harassment policy.

8. Staffing Matters:

The Board considered career break and job-sharing applications.

9. Child Protection Oversight Report:

The Principal read the Child Protection Oversight Report.

10. Anti-Bullying Report:

The Principal read the Anti Bullying Report of 29th February 2024.

11. Principal's Report:

Looking At Our Schools: A Quality Framework	
Domain 1:	Teaching & Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Vicky Bouché engaged with Óide to produce a video demonstrating good practice using digital tools to engage students in their learning in her French language class, its use in teacher assessment and providing feedback to students. The video is available through this link Oide VB Good Practice Video• Ms Lorraine Mellrick of Óide has commenced her sustained support with the Digital Learning Team in the draft of our three year plan. Student and staff voice is being captured currently to influence the considered vision of the team.• PME 2 Teacher Ms Tara Doust spoke with New Avenues to Teaching, a UCC School of Education initiative encouraging and supporting students from groups that are currently considered to be under-represented in teaching to achieve their goal of becoming post-primary teachers with the School of Education in UCC. The podcast is available through this link UCC TD Podcast Diversity in Teacher Education in Ireland• Parent Teacher Meetings; Second, Fifth and Transition Year Parent Teacher Meetings took place this term. Parents were invited to information sessions particular to the student group in advance of each meeting, e.g. Senior Cycle Subject Choice, Assessment Practice of Classroom-Based Assessments.• Saturday Study: We have commenced Saturday morning study session for Sixth Year students. There has been a very positive response to this initiative.• Pre Exams: Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle students completed their pre exams successfully before the mid-term break. The Junior Cycle students were in the Sports Hall and Sixth year students were classroom-based.	
Domain 3:	School Development

- Incoming First Years: Entrance Assessment:
 - The Entrance Assessment for our incoming First Year students took place on Wednesday 31st January from 2 - 4:30pm. A parental presentation was also held that day to inform parents about subject choice and what the assessment entailed.
 - A Subject Taster Day: We welcomed incoming First Year students for a half day when they had the opportunity to sample four of their preferred subjects before making their subject choice.

Domain 4:

Leadership Capacity

- Lift Leadership Programme: The TY Lift Leadership Programme is continuing under the guidance of Ms Ronan. TY students are now trained facilitators and will work with Second Year students on key leadership values.
- The Student Council:
 - “*Being Just and Responsible*” to our Planet: MEP, Grace O’Sullivan, visited our school recently to speak to our students about care for the environment.
 - Members reviewed the canteen service seeking placement in the school, responding favourably to the samples with students commending the pricing, flavours and menu variety.
- Faith Leadership: As part of CEIST Ceilluradh Day, a number of our students led a workshop of junior students in making St. Bridget crosses. Ms Jennings presented a flower arranging workshop to transition year students to be placed on various sacred areas in the school.
- Sport: We had a number of successful sporting outings this year to date.
 - Basketball: Our First and Second Year Basketball teams have been playing both at home and away on numerous occasions. Our Sixth Year students participated in their final game recently.
 - Camogie: The Senior Camogie team competed in the Munster Intermediate Final recently and unfortunately, lost out on the win. We are very proud of all the girls. First Years had a very successful outing recently against Mount Mercy in Bishopstown and won their match very well. Junior camogie team are to play their Muster Final this Friday against Pres. Ballingarry.
- Ski Trip 2024: Students and teachers enjoyed a five day trip to Lavoure, Italy. Students developed skills and formed deeper friendships, thoroughly enjoying the trip.

12. A.O.B.:

A request was made for the school teaching staff to reconsider the School Immersion Programme within the HOPE Foundation. Students of transition and fifth year fundraised and travelled to Kolkata for a cultural and educational tour. The Principal will bring the request to the attention of the teaching staff.

Close of Meeting