

# **Report to Staff and Parents following Board of Management Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

## **Report from St. Brogan's College**

### **Collegial Partnership Coaching (CPC)**

Dr. Joe Moynihan from UCC approached the school to see if we would like to get involved in a new pilot project to develop a coaching model for teachers. A number of teachers have volunteered.

### **Teaching and Learning**

The teaching and learning group has finished up for the year and a new group has been agreed for next year. The priorities for the group to work on are the roll out of the digital devices and we wish to do significant work on team teaching to ensure it is as effective and beneficial to the students as possible.

### **Lunch Break**

The Board agreed that the school will return to one lunch break for the 22/23 year.

### **Buildings**

Work is currently ongoing with the new prefabs and should be completed by September.

The main building is expected to begin in July.

We will be going ahead with some work on the heating system and insulation in the four practical rooms over the Summer Holidays.

### **Critical Incident Plan**

Following our recent critical incident we have reviewed our Critical Incident plan and updated it in light of what we learnt. The Board approved the updated plan.

### **Transfer Applications**

The Board agreed on the number of spaces available in each year and carried out a lottery for each year to determine which of the applicants for places in each year would get a place if any.

### **Tender**

We have prepared a tender document in conjunction with the ETB to look for a managed service over three or four years to replace all the staff IT and to provide SNAs with IT devices.

### **Assistant Principal II positions**

Five new Assistant Principals II have been appointed.

### **Staffing Allocation**

The allocation of SNAs remains the same for all schools for the coming year.

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### **Teaching and Learning**

#### **Assessment Verification Process**

Final assessments have taken place and have been corrected by teachers. Teachers have undertaken the Internal Verification (IV) process and all External Authentication's (EA) have now taken place, with the vast majority of departments and courses going through the EA process.

#### **Subject Department Meetings**

Subject department meetings have taken place this week and last. Teachers are focusing on reviewing the year and planning for next year. All minutes of meetings are saved on Microsoft Teams.

### **2022/2023 Enrolment**

Enrolment for the 2022/2023 academic year is ongoing.

### **Events**

#### **Art Exhibition**

The Kinsale Campus Art Exhibition, 'Ebb & Flow', took place on Thursday 5th May. The night was a huge success which saw a very large crowd gather to enjoy and admire the learners hard work. The learners deserve huge credit for the quality of work they produced. Art teachers Julia Pallone, Jane Skovgaard and Caroline Smith need to be commended for their fantastic work with the learners and in organising such a successful event for the campus. The Professional Cookery students and their teachers, Jenny Fitzgerald and Theresa McCarthy, also deserve a special mention for the excellent food they prepared for the event.

#### **End of Year Drama Show**

The Drama Department and their learners showcased 'A Midsummers Night Dream' on 6th, 7th and 8th May in Ballinspittle. The Drama Department, led by Belinda Wild and assisted by Marcus Bale and Ian Wild, deserve great credit for putting together such a professional and thoroughly enjoyable production which was a real highlight this year.

#### **Sustainability Conference**

The Sustainable Horticulture/Permaculture department and their learners ran a hugely successful sustainability conference on 28th May. The conference, '21 Years of Permaculture' celebrated the beginning of the Permaculture course in Kinsale 21 years ago and it's continued growth and success to this day. The sold out conference treated over 200 people to a variety of talks and workshops on

permaculture, sustainability, the Time Bank and much more. The Sustainable Horticulture/Permaculture department of Klaus Harvey, Thomas Riedmuller, Eoin O Callaghan and in particular course coordinator, Donal Chambers, did a fantastic job in putting together such a high quality conference in such a professional manner.

### **Graduation 1st September**

Kinsale Campus will hold our graduation for our 2021/2022 learners on Thursday 1st September 2022 in Actons Hotel, Kinsale.

### **Ukraine**

Kinsale Campus hosted an information session for Ukrainian's living in the Kinsale area on 10th May. Information was given to Ukrainian's in relation to the courses on offer in Kinsale as well as financial and other supports available from Cork ETB. Expressions of interest for English Language classes were also sought.

### **English Language Classes**

On Tuesday 31st May English Language Classes for Ukrainian's began in Kinsale Campus. It is envisaged that these classes will run during daytime hours on Tuesday, Thursday's and Friday's over the summer months with the possibility of evening classes commencing in September. Kinsale Campus, with help from Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre, are providing transport to and from these classes.

### **Transport of School Children in Kinsale**

As well as transporting Ukrainian's to English language classes, in the campus, we are also helping in the transportation of primary and second level Ukrainian students to and from the local schools in Kinsale. Mike Walsh, our caretaker and assisted on occasions by Alayne Hynes (Guidance Counsellor), deserve huge credit for the work and time they have put in to ensure these students get to school safely

### **Calendar 22/23**

#### **Croke Park Hours**

Croke Park hours for 2022-23 were agreed on by all teaching staff.

#### **Return date in August**

Our return date in August was agreed on by teachers with returning on Thursday 25th August the preferred option.

#### **QBS, Assessment and Verification Process**

Helena Farrell, Assistant Principal, ran a number of workshops, over the past few weeks, in relation to QBS and the assessment and verification process.

#### **Fire Warden Training**

The director, caretaker, Mike Walsh and Health and Safety Officer, Linda Davis took part in Fire Warden Training in the Bishopstown Campus (formerly the Training Centre) on Monday 9th May.

### **Erasmus**

A number of teachers took part and will take part in the Erasmus programme this year. Jenny Fitzgerald (Professional Cookery Teacher) and Linda Davis (ELC Teacher) both travelled to Noordenpoort Groningen in Holland, last week. They travelled with colleagues from other PLC colleges in Cork and visited a further education college in Holland. Tadhg Boyden (Outdoor Education teacher) is currently in Bergen Norway and Belinda Wild (Drama teacher) and Eilish Munday (Healthcare Teacher) will travel to Spain next week.

### **Staff Health and Wellbeing**

#### **Yoga & Walking**

Wellbeing activities for staff have taken place over the past few weeks. On Wednesday 11th May the staff took part in either a walk or yoga in the afternoon.

#### **Sea kayaking and Powerboating**

On Wednesday last 25th May staff took to the water with a mixture of sea kayaking and powerboating on offer. The day was excellently organized by our Outdoor Education Teachers, Jeff Cochrane and Tadhg Boyden with some help from the Outdoor Education students. All staff had a fantastic morning on the water.