

Report to Staff and Parents following Board of Management Meeting 16th April 2024

Presentation to Board

At the beginning of the meeting a group of students involved in a learner voice project called SPOTLITE – Students Perspective on Teaching and Learning in the Teaching Space – presented to the Board. They noted their feedback from observing teachers who volunteered to have them in their classes and they noted all the positives they observed in classes and gave some top tips for teachers going forward. The Board commended the group on their excellent presentation and the feedback they gave.

Year Planner

We have finalised the plan for Croke Park hours for the coming year in consultation with staff. The Board approved the Year Planner and Croke Park hours for the coming year.

RSE Policy

The RSE Policy was brought to the Parents Association and was approved. The Board approved the RSE Plan.

Curricular Plan

Discussions have been held with the parents association and students council who agreed with the move to one hour classes next year. As there are concerns about buses we will supervise students who are waiting for buses for one hour after school on Wednesdays and Fridays. Some changes and suggestions for the Curricular plan taking account of the move to one hour classes include:

- Moving LCA work experience to Tues and Thurs.
- Creating 6 classes for TY with a group of two classes doing two hours of PE at the end of each of the longer days thus allowing them to do activities outside of school e.g. swimming.
- Doing three rotations of different TY modules between three classes in the year.

- Students choosing a major project for the year from a choice of approximately 8 and then working on that for the year in one of the one hour classes.
- There is a draft new programme for TY which will apply for September 24. We will be moving towards implementing this new programme over the next year.

The Board approved the new school day and the curricular plan. The new school day will be as follows:

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
08:49	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
09:00	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
09:58	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
10:56	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:11	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
12:09	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
13:07	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:37	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
14:35	Class	Class		Class	
Finish at	15:33	Finish at 15:33	Finish at 14:35	Finish at 15:33	Finish at 14:35

School Attendance Campaign

The Board was informed that we are continuing to work on our school attendance campaign. School attendance continues to be very good with considerable work going into students who exhibit poor attendance.

Yondr

A member of the Board – Mr Mitchell gave the Board a demonstration on how a system like Yondr would work. It would mean students locking their mobile phones into a bag at the start of the day and not unlocking them again until the end of the day. This is something that could be used to

prevent students using mobile phones during the school day. The principal agreed to do further research on the system and discuss further with the Board.

School books and Materials

The Board was informed that following the new DE guidelines we will now be providing class materials for first, second and third years as well as books. Staff have been consulted on the materials that will be purchased and we are going to seek quotations from local suppliers.

ASD Classes

Having looked at the needs of the students joining us in first year it is clear that there are a number of students who have a recommendation for an AS base class who will be in mainstream. Given the new SET allocation model and the needs of the students who will be joining us in September the Board approved the decision to make contact with the SENO requesting that we get the staffing for a new AS class and we will wait until Phase 2 of the build to have the rooms.

Deputy Principal – Kinsale College

A new Deputy Principal has been appointed for Kinsale College. The new Deputy Principal is Liz McHugh who is currently a Deputy Principal in Carrigtwohill Community College and who was previously in charge of FE in Carrignafoy Community College in Cobh.

Feedback from first and third year parents questionnaires

First and third year parents were sent a link to a Microsoft form asking for feedback. The Board was provided with the feedback and commended the staff on the excellent comments.