



## **Agreed Report – Whitecross N.S. Board of Management**

### **Board of Management Meetings 2023 – 2024**

**Date of Meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Venue:** Staffroom

**Duration of Meeting:** 2 hours

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

#### **Correspondence:**

A letter of resignation was received from both Ms Crilly & Ms McGrath. The Board wishes to thank both teachers for their work and commitment to the school and wishes them the best for the future.

#### **Agreed Report:**

### **Domain 1: Leading Teaching & Learning**

#### **Curriculum Development/Curriculum Policy Review**

A padlet of music resources was created to supplement teaching of music at all class levels.

#### **School Self-Evaluation**

Staff continue to implement the SSE Mental Maths Plan and work is ongoing on creating a SSE plan for Wellbeing.

#### **Primary Maths Curriculum**

Oide provided in-service on the new Maths curriculum on the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Standardised Testing**

Standardised testing in Gaeilge & Spellings took place this month. The NNRIT was also undertaken with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes. Testing in Reading and Maths will take place next month.

#### **EAL Support**

Oide provided a full day of support for teaching English as an additional language on the 13<sup>th</sup> March.



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### **In-School Leadership & Management Team**

As a result of circular 0031/2024 the school will have two posts of responsibility to fill in September. Consultation with staff on allocating duties to each post has commenced.

### **Domain 2: Managing the Organisation**

#### **Enrolment**

There are currently 414 children enrolled in the school.

There are 30 children enrolled to start in Junior Infants in September 2024.

#### **ASD Waiting List**

There are 14 children on a waiting list as we have no spaces vacant at present.

#### **Staffing**

Since the previous Board meeting one SNA has commenced her maternity leave.

#### **Safety, Health & Welfare**

A fire drill took place in February.

#### **Attendance**

The Attendance Support Grant remains unspent. €1,780.20 was received.

#### **Child Protection**

The Child Protection Oversight Report is presented to the Board at this meeting.

#### **Ethos**

Three Diocesan Advisors visited the school on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and the school received a very positive report.

Second class received the sacrament of penance on the 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Second and sixth classes attend mass every second week.

First Holy Communion took place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Confirmation took place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

#### **School Closures**

The school was closed on the 8<sup>th</sup> March for the Referendum. The school will close at 12:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May to facilitate a half-in/half-out staff meeting.



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### **SEAI**

The annual energy usage report has been submitted to the SEAI.

### **Domain 3: Leading School Development**

#### **Policy Development**

Staff continue to review the Code of Behaviour & the Critical Incidents Policy. An Inclusion Policy will be presented to the Board in the near future.

#### **SEN Extension**

The stage one reports have been submitted to the Department. We are awaiting the Department to revert to the Design Team.

#### **Enhancing the school yard**

Prices will be sought for installing yard markings on the junior yard and some for the area that will become a courtyard with the new extension. These will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

#### **Mural**

Artist, Jennifer Moonan has worked with the Creative Schools Committee and installed the mural outside the junior infant classrooms.

#### **Parents Association**

The Parents Association have organised a Clothes Recycle since the last meeting. They also organised tea/coffee after the Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

### **Domain 4: Developing Leadership Capacity**

#### **Summer Programme 2024**

The school will run the summer programme again this year for three autism classes and one mainstream group. This will cater for up to 30 pupils.

#### **CPD**

One teacher is currently doing the Postgraduate Diploma in SEN

Two teachers continue to attend Reading Recovery

One SNA is completing the National Training Programme for Special Needs Assistants Level 6 Diploma in Inclusive School Support this year



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### **In-School Leadership & Management Reports**

The annual reports from each post holder will be presented at the next Board meeting.

### **Sport**

The Girls & Boys Cumann na mBunscol competitions have resumed this term.

### **Choir:**

Mr Monaghan & Ms Hamill were thanked by the Board for their work in preparing the choir for the sacraments.

### **After-School's Clubs:**

The following after-school clubs are currently running:

- Homework Club (Ms Hynes & Ms Hamill)
- Irish Dancing (Anne McFadden)
- Sports Club (Mr Morrissey & Mr Murphy)

### **Creative Schools**

Ms Magee has collated the collated the information gathered from pupils and staff and has organised the following:

- an artist to work with rang Sonas (Creative School's focus on inclusion)
- a 4 to 5-week workshop with 5<sup>th</sup> class planting a herb garden
- a dance workshop for 1<sup>st</sup> class

Creative School's Day will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Policy Development**

There Board ratified the following policies:

- EAL Policy
- Admissions Policy and Annual Admissions Notice
- The Board also undertook the annual review of the Anti-Bullying Policy. As part of the review a survey of parents and pupils (3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class) was undertaken.

**Next Meeting:** The meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.