

Board of Management Meeting: Agreed Report

The chairperson, Michael Scanlon, discussed recent correspondence from the Department of Education approving a grant for the construction of a Special Educational Needs Base in the school.

The procedure to appoint a consultant for the design of the project was discussed. Guidelines from the Dept. will be followed and the project will be advertised on e-tenders in due course.

The board are happy with the progress of the ongoing construction of a single classroom, multi-sensory room, reception area and staffroom.

Quotes will be sought to tarmac an additional area to extend the playground.

The principal thanked Michael, Ann-Marie and Lisa for all their input into preparing the school accounts for submission to the Financial Support Services Unit. This is a legal requirement and has to be done annually going forward.

The board ratified the updated Assessment Policy.

Main points:

Whole school approach, assessment central to all learning.

Teachers had meetings about this to share ideas and to help formulate the policy.

Assessment for Learning happening through all lessons, this helps to plan further learning.

Providing feedback to pupils very important.

Pupil involvement: How they see themselves learning, focus on what they are good at, pupils assessing their own work, taking ownership of the work.

Use of I.C.T. will come to the fore more often in the classroom.

The board will have to prepare a return to school protocol due to Covid 19. We will await guidelines from the Dept. of Education and the H.S.E. and share this with the school community in August.

There will be a graduation ceremony for the 6th class remotely on June 18th and a face to face outdoor ceremony on Monday June 29th at 7p.m. weather permitting.