**St. Mary’s National School**

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**Board of Management Meeting, 23ú Bealtaine, 2022**

**Agreed Report**

**1. Finance Report**

* The treasurer of the Board, (M.S.), presented a financial summary for the 8 months to 30 April. M.S. noted that the school is operating in line with budget and ahead of last year due to the increase in pupil numbers and COVID grants.
* The treasurer acknowledged the impact of the increased cost of utilities for the coming year for the two campuses. M. S. advised that the considerable footprint of the new building will be expensive from a heating/lighting and cleaning perspective.

**2. Principal’s Report:**

**(a) Principal’s Child Protection Oversight Report**

The CPOR report was delivered to the Board.

**(b) Nuacht na Scoile:**

* **St. Mary’s Girls Senior Football:** A fabulous win for our senior girls GAA team. We are extremely proud of the girls’ achievement. Thank you to our Gaelic Management Team lead by Peadar Cody, and ably assisted by Aoife O’ Sullivan, Aonghus Ó Briain and Avril Flood.
* **Golf Classic:** The St. Mary’s inaugura**l** Golf Classic took place on Thursday, 7 April. The event raised almost €22,000 for our new school. Thank you to the PA for organising this wonderful event.
* **Barnardo’s Internet Safety Seminar:** The children in 3rd, 4th 5th and 6th classes participated in an internet safety seminar on 28 April facilitated by Barnardos.
* **Pupil/Transfer September 2022**

The pupil/transfer window closed on 30 April, 2022. The applications will be processed over the coming weeks.

* **Primary Language Curriculum**

The school will close on Friday 10 January, to facilitate the teachers’ attendance at a webinar for the Primary Language Curriculum.

* **Green Schools:** Extremely busy.

Visit from Bird-watch Ireland to the three 4th classes

7th April: Green Schools Assessment visit by Audrey Duff, Greenschools Officer, Dublin City Council

11th May: Greenschools Officers (AnTaisce), Dr Meabh Boylan and Clare Patton, visited our school to look at our work for Biodiversity and to interview and record the children from the GS Committee talking about all the work the children of both Belmont and Mt. Eden have done over the two year. Announcement that St. Mary’s has achieved the Greenschool’s Flag for Biodiversity.

25th May: Virtual Greenschools Award Ceremony at 11am.

26th May: As part of Greenschools Ireland celebration of Biodiversity Week, Greenschools Ireland will host a Biodiversity Webinar during which the St. Mary’s Biodiversity video will be shown, followed by a Q&A with a ‘panel’ of four students from St. Mary’s GS Committee – live discussion chaired by Meabh & Clare from Green Schools Ireland.

2nd June: Green Schools Biodiversity EXPO will be held in the Rita Kinsella Hall. Each class will display their projects, experiments, art work etc. Classes from both Belmont and Mt Eden will have the opportunity to visit the Biodiversity EXPO.

* **Seachtain na Gaeilge:** Lots of activities for all classes and a ceolchoirm. Seomra Foirne became a Breac Ghaeltacht on Wednesday with a Maidin Caife for the múinteoirí.
* **Drumming Workshop:** All the classes participated in a drumming workshop funded by the PA.
* **Shrove Tuesday:** Thank you to the PA for providing pancakes for all the children and staff in both campuses. A special thank you to the Student Council who assisted representatives of the PA in the distribution of the pancakes.
* **Ash Wednesday:** The children in 2nd, 5th and 6th classes attended a lovely ceremony in the Church with Msgr O’ Carroll at which ashes were distributed. Thank you to the Student Council for distributing the ashes in the church and to 3rd and 4th classes and the Belmont Campus.
* **Celebration of the Sacraments:**
* **Enrolment masses** took place for children in 2nd and 3rd classes
* First Confessions for children in 2nd classes took place in the Church of the Sacred Heart on the 9th and 10th of March.
* 26 March: First Holy Communion Mr Murray 3rd Class
* 2 April: First Holy Communion Ms. Flood and Ms. Greene, 3rd Class
* 7 April: Retreat for 6th Class in Parish Centre
* 4 May: Confirmation Mr. Ó Briain
* 5 May: Confirmation: Ms. O’ Loughlin
* 14 May, 11:00 am: First Holy Communion Mr. Furlong
* 14 May: 1:00 pm Ms. O’ Sullivan
* 21 May: 11:00 First Holy Communion, Ms. D’Arcy

Thank you to Msgr O’ Carroll for leading us in these very special ceremonies. Thank you to the class teachers for preparing the children and Ms. Murphy for co-ordinating the ceremonies. A special word of thanks to the children in 4th, 5th and 6th classes who sang at the ceremonies.

**3. Mt Eden Update:**

* The members of the Board had a site visit of the new building before the Board meeting.
* The Project Manager advised that the building project was on schedule and is expected to be finished on the 29 July.
* The Board were extremely impressed with dimensions of the classrooms and the resources in the new building.
* The Board is continuing to liaise with the DES in relation to the installation of an all-weather pitch as a matter of urgency.
* The decanting of the prefabs will begin on the 1 July with work continuing through the summer holidays.

**4. Pupil Transfe**r:

The Pupil transfer window closed on 30 April. The applications will be processed over the coming weeks.

1. **IT Update**:
* D. Parkinson gave an update on IT provision. D. Parkinson to continue to liaise with the IT contact in the DES and GDK (St. Mary’s IT Support) to ensure an efficient transfer of the IT infrastructure from the prefabs to the new building.
* The Board acknowledged this was an onerous task.

**6. Traffic Calming on Belmont Ave:**

A. Dillon advised that there was no progress in relation to the proposed change of vehicular access to Belmont Ave. scheduled to be trialled from 1 June, 2022.