



Star of the Sea Primary School

Board of Management Annual Report 2016 – 2017

Star of the Sea PS currently has a pupil enrolment of 435. Staffing consists of 16 mainstream class teachers, 7 learning support posts, 1 EAL post, 4 SNAs (one post 3.5 hours), a secretary and a caretaker. The current Board of Management began its term of office on 1st December 2015 and will run until November 30th 2019. The members of the BoM are:

Mr. Denis O' Byrne, Chairperson

Mrs. Elizabeth O' Regan, Patron's Representative

Mrs. Angelique Cashman, Principal, Secretary to the BOM

Mrs. Claire Lester, Teacher Representative

Ms. Nora Killen-Lehane, Parents' Representative

Mr. Ian Malone, Parents' Representative

Mr. Anthony Reidy, Community Representative, Treasurer to the BOM

Mr. Michael O' Mahony, Community Representative

Mr. Ray Dowling replaced Mrs. Claire Lester on the BOM for the duration of her Maternity leave.

The BoM held 6 meetings over the course of the year. The BoM has met its obligations in respect of Child Protection and Anti-Bullying procedures as laid down in Circular 0065/2011 Appendix 2 and Circular 0045/2013.

The following school procedures and policies were reviewed and ratified by the BoM during 2016/2017:

- Checklist for Annual Review of the Child Protection Policy.
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Hire and Use of the School Premises
- Whole School Food Policy

The BoM also supported the following initiatives undertaken by the school during 2016/2017:

Open Evening * Cór Fhéile * Port of Cork Competition * Sporting Activities * Sacramental Celebrations * Staff CPD courses * Educational Initiatives – Internet Safety Seminars for pupils, staff and parents. New Language Curriculum In-service * MultiCultural Events * School Concerts * Comenius Project * London Trip.

The BoM acknowledges that due to the INTO directive on non-cooperation with the SSE process the intended School Improvement Plan on Science has not taken place. However, a review of the existing school plan has been undertaken.

The BOM is aware of the changes to the allocation of SET hours to the school and supports the work of the teachers in identifying the needs of the pupils and how best to meet their needs within our given resources.

The BoM is satisfied that the school has met its obligations for Standardised Testing as per Circular 0056/2011 and Circular 0034/2016. Reporting to parents is undertaken as per Circular 0056/2011

The BOM welcomes the appointments of Ms. Emma Mooney, Mr. Kieran O' Donovan to permanent positions in Star of the Sea PS and to Ms Ruth Deane to a third fixed-term position.

The BoM wishes to thank the Parents' Association for their support and contribution to all aspects of school life. The BoM acknowledges their great efforts in fundraising for school activities and in supporting the school in its many activities – Open Night, Religious Ceremonies, School Concerts, Educational initiatives, Playball and Gymnastics among others.

The BoM would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of staff, the interest and co-operation of parents and guardians and the enthusiastic co-operation of pupils who all work together to make Star of the Sea PS a welcoming, orderly, safe centre of learning.

Signed: Denis O'Byrne

Date: 12/06/2017

Chairperson, Board of Management