



Star of the Sea Primary School

Board of Management Annual Report 2019-2020

Star of the Sea PS currently has a pupil enrolment of 409. Staffing consists of 16 mainstream class teachers, 8 SET posts, 4 SNAs, a secretary and a caretaker. A new Board of Management began its term of office on 1st December 2019 and will run until November 30th 2023. The members of the BoM are:

Mr. Denis O' Byrne, Chairperson

Mr. Anthony Reidy, Patron's Nominee, Treasurer to the BOM

Mrs. Angeliqe Cashman, Principal, Secretary to the BOM

Ms Ruth Deane, Teacher Nominee

Mrs Lorraine O'Sullivan, Parents' Nominee

Mr. Marc Linehan, Parents' Representative

Mr. Kevin Carroll, Community Representative

Mrs Adré Vosloo, Patron's Nominee

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 and Circular 0081/2017

The BOM is in compliance with GDPR.

The BOM approved Mr Declan O'Connell as accountant to oversee the compilation of the school accounts for 2018/'19

With BOM approval four exemptions from the study of Irish were granted since September 2019.

SEAI report submitted

Staff:

Ms Ciara Sheehan secured a permanent post.

Mr Ray Dowling was approved for the AP 2 post of responsibility

Curriculum: BOM were supportive of the following school initiatives:

- Developing a nurturing school. Staff training by NEPs
- Digital Strategy Plan to focus on Assessment
- PLC – as part of cohort 1 focusing on policy and strategies

Events:

- Aladdin Connect was purchased and rolled out to great success

- A successful Open Night was held on 17th Oct 2019.
- PA Christmas Fair was a big success
- Sensory Path in Infants corridor was completed
- Barnados Online Safety Workshops were held
- New school tracksuit design was approved

Maintenance:

- External wall lights were replaced
- Exterior of the school was painted
- The yard was extended by removing and concreting over the grass verge area.

Erasmus Project:

- BOM supported a very successful visit by two Spanish teachers as part of our Erasmus Project.
- BOM gave approval for a 3 person trip to Malta

Covid 19

The school was closed on March 12 2020 as directed by the DE.

At subsequent online BOM meetings, the Board approved the strategies and approach by the staff to Distance Learning.

The Board acknowledged the excellent response to the survey issued to parents ascertaining their views on the Distance Learning strategies.

The Board ratified

- the revised Acceptable Use Policy to include communication procedures with parents and pupils for Distance Learning
- Child Protection Risk Assessment and Addendum for Covid 19.

Policies

The Board ratified The Admissions Policy