



Brannoxtown CNS (BCNS) Board of Management

Agreed Report 15/06/2021

Date	15 June 2021
Time	7:00pm to 8:40pm
Meeting	Virtual Meeting: Zoom
Attendance	Ms. Deirdre O' Donovan (Chairperson, Patron Nominee); Mr. Conor O' Toole (Patron Nominee); Ms. Mitzie Day (Parent Nominee); Mr. Robin Ball (Parent Nominee); Cllr. Tracey O' Dwyer (Community Representative); Ms. Dawn Heffernan (Teacher Nominee) and Dr. Sarah FitzPatrick (Principal and Secretary).
Apologies	Mr. Mark Egar (Community Representative).

1. Chairperson's Welcome & Agenda <i>Agreed</i>	The Chairperson welcomed members and the agenda was agreed.
2. Minutes <i>Agreed</i>	The minutes of the April meeting were formally approved.
3. Principal's Report 3a. Correspondence <i>Noted</i>	Correspondence was received from/sent to the Department of Education and Skills (DES), The Health Service Executive (HSE), Tusla and the KWETB.
3b. Enrolment <i>Noted</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current enrolment for 2020/2021 (June 15th) is 36. • In addition to our new Junior Infant class, children are enrolled in other classes for the for 2021/2022 school year. • Individual welcome meetings are scheduled with all new families on June 23rd and 24th, in addition to the virtual welcome videos. • Places are still available in the new on-site pre-school managed by Busy Fingers. • Ten applications were submitted to the School Bus Transport Scheme for a new bus route from Naas to Brannoxtown CNS.
3c. Child Protection <i>Noted</i>	There have been no reports to HSE/Gardaí since the last Board Meeting.
3d. Anti-Bullying <i>Noted</i>	There have been no incidents of Bullying since the last Board Meeting.
3e. Staffing <i>Noted</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff roles for the 2021/2022 academic year were reported. • The principal reported that a member of staff will begin Maternity Leave in November 2021.
3f. Special Educational Needs <i>Noted</i>	An update was provided on SET provision including the Transition programme for 6 th Class students and the Language Enrichment programme for children who are exempt from Irish.
3g. Curriculum initiatives <i>Noted</i>	<p>An update was provided on the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Workshop: Daily Writing Practice • Words Their Way: Weekly Word Sort • Weaving Wellbeing • Blue Star Programme • Active Schools

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3h. Sacramental Preparation <i>Noted</i>	<p>An update was provided on plans and preparations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Penance and Communion • Confirmation
3i. Community Involvement <i>Noted</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principal outlined community involvement in since the last meeting, including a range of 'Educational Visits' (language teaching, drama coaching, ask-an-expert, etc.) and development of school grounds. • Several second and third level students have been facilitated to complete work experience at Brannoxtown CNS, following Garda clearance, Insurance confirmation and Covid-19 clearance. • On Tuesday 15th June, past-pupils returned to the school to participate in rugby coaching and advise on the transition to post-primary school.
3j. Parental Involvement <i>Noted</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational sessions were hosted by parents on equine veterinary, pollination and bees. • Skills-based rugby sessions were hosted by a parent and former Club Community Rugby Officer, Leinster Rugby, and a Yoga Instructor. • Dublin Coach supplied bus transport for the school tour to Castlecomer. • Graduation gifts for 6th class were crafted by a parent, 'Cat in my Closet' (fine felt creations).
3k. School Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An on-site tour for children from Junior Infants to 2nd Class has been organised for June 16th, facilitated by Imagination Station, Sallins. • An off-site tour to Castlecomer Discovery Park, Kilkenny, has been organised for children from 3rd to 6th Class, on June 17th. • Sixth class children will graduate on June 24th.
4. Finances <i>Noted</i>	The main areas of spend and costs since April 2021 were reported by the principal.
5. Building Repair and Improvement <i>Noted</i>	It was reported that the tender for Emergency Works on the 1885 building are due to be issued by next Friday, 25 th June. The timeline for the work will be subject to the availability of the successful tender.
6. Healthy Eating Policy <i>Updated</i>	A brief update was provided on the current <i>Healthy Eating Policy</i> . The updated Healthy Eating Policy was agreed with minor edits.
7. Fire Safety Policy <i>Updated</i>	A brief update was provided on the current <i>Fire Safety Policy</i> . The updated Fire Safety Policy was agreed with minor edits.
8. Assessment & Reporting Policy <i>Agreed</i>	The principal provided a brief overview of the new <i>Assessment & Reporting Policy</i> . The Assessment & Reporting Policy was agreed for publication without edits.
9. Anti-bullying Policy <i>Agreed</i>	The principal provided a brief overview of the new <i>Anti-bullying Policy</i> . The Anti-bullying Policy was agreed for publication without edits.
10. Lone Worker Policy <i>Agreed</i>	The principal provided a brief overview of the new <i>Lone Worker Policy</i> . The Lone Worker Policy was agreed for publication without edits.
11. AOB <i>Noted</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson thanked the principal and staff for their phenomenal effort, acknowledged the community's valuable contribution and thanked Board members for their time and valuable input. • Board Meetings for next year were confirmed, all Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm: October 19th, December 14th, February 15th, April 5th and June 14th. • The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.