



Broadford & Kilbane N.S.

Board of Management End of Year Report 2018-2019

Members of the Board of Management

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Aonghus O' Brien, Principal and Secretary to the BOM

Deirdre Troy, Deputy Principal and Teachers' Nominee

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Mary Teresa Carroll, Community Nominee

Denise Fahy, Parents' Nominee

Seán McMahon Parents' Nominee

The BOM operates under the guidelines of the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association.

Meetings

The BOM met on the following dates during the course of this academic year:

1. September 20th 2018
2. November 22nd 2018
3. March 13th 2019
4. June 13th 2019
5. July 23rd 2019

Agenda

An agenda is set seven days in advance of each BOM. At every meeting the Principal and the Treasurer present reports to the Board.

Staffing Schedule 2018-2019

6 Mainstream Class Teachers, 1 Autism Class Teacher, 3 Special Education Teachers, (2 Full time & 1 Part time), 3 Special Needs Assistants and 1 Secretary (Part-time)

Job Share: Mrs Niamh McDermott and Mrs Sarah Adams have completed a job share this academic year in 1st and 2nd class.

Enrolment September 2018: 129 pupils-123 mainstream, 6 special class.

School Inspector: The Roinn Cigire attached to the school is Mrs. Anne Fitzpatrick. School underwent a Whole School Evaluation-Management, Leadership & Learning. This was a very positive and affirming experience for the whole school community. A published report of this inspection can be found on the Department of Education & Skills website.

Child Protection Safeguarding

Designated Liaison Person: Aonghus O' Brien Deputy Designated Liaison Person: Maireád Howard
Child Protection/Safeguarding is on the agenda at every BOM as per guidelines; All Safeguarding guidelines implemented this year along with Risks identified and communicated to the whole school community including the Patron. Child Safeguarding Policy reviewed in March and is on display in all classrooms and in the entrance corridor. Oversight Report given at each Board meeting.

Attendance: Children with over 20 days missed included in reports issued to TÚSLA as per guidelines. School attendance is approximately 95%.

Main School Events and Achievements 2018-2019

- Training and participation in Junior Traffic Warden Scheme
- Winners of the u11 Credit Union Quiz in the Lough Derg Division.
- Runners up in the u11 Credit Union quiz under the Munster Chapter and participation in the All Irelands.
- Participation of all classes in Féile na hInse.
- Third to Sixth Class Field Trip to Kilsely Graveyard and Ballykelly Dolmen
- 6th Class cycle and hike to the top of Cragnamuragh
- Successful Student Teacher Placements
- Diocesan Adviser Visit
- Dental Nurse Presentation on Oral Hygiene
- Junior Infants to Second Class attending the Christmas Show in UL
- 2 Clothes Collections
- Various Whole School Assemblies
- Hallowe'en Dress-Up Day for Cancer Research
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Creating a Memory Tree on the School Grounds
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- Swimming Lessons from First to Sixth Class
- Christmas Coffee Morning Organised by Parents
- Receptions for in the Hall and School for Communion and Confirmation
- Secondary Schools Principals' Visits to 6th Class Pupils (Tulla, Scariff & Killaloe)
- Garda presentation on Road and Internet Safety
- Fire Safety talks by the Fire Officers
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Participation in F.A.I. Soccer Tournament
- Literacy Lift Off in Senior Infants to 2nd Class
- Guided Reading in 3rd to 6th classes
- Trials for picking candidates for the Hurling/Camogie/Football Primary Game
- Participation in Primary Game by both successful candidates
- Active Schools Week
- New Junior Infants Visit
- First Holy Communion
- Jersey Days
- Bishop Fintan Monahan confirming the children in 6th class
- Solo singing performances at school masses
- Participation of School Choir
- School Band performances
- End of Year Standardised Tests
- Sports Day
- Junior & Senior Infant school tour to Farm in Truroe
- First and Second Class School Tour to Shannon Activity Centre
- Third and Fourth Class School Tour to Dublin Zoo
- Fifth and Sixth Class School Tour to Lahinch
- Third to Sixth Class Field Trip to Gortnaglough and Gortacullin
- Visit from new Junior Infants
- Participation in Litter Pick Up in the community
- Tree Planting on the Riverbank Walk
- Cumann na mBunscoil Boys Hurling Semi Finals
- Cumann na mBunscoil Boys Football Final
- Cumann na mBunscoil Girls Camogie Semi Final
- Cumann na mBunscoil Girls Football
- Mini-7's Boys Finals
- Mini-7's Girls Finals
- Hurling/Camogie School Leagues at Lunch time
- Work Completed by Student Council
- 6th Class trip to Ardnacrusha Powerstation
- Baking Club
- Green School Practices-Recycling, Litter Monitoring & Water Conservation
- Walk to School Initiatives
- Golden Boot Awards
- Cross Country Trials and interschool races in Lees Road
- Whole School Evaluation/Management in Leadership and Learning by Diocesan Inspector
- Morning hurling on the Ball Wall
- Participation in Spelling Bee
- World Book Day
- 3rd & 4th Class School Hurling Blitzes
- July Provision
- Morning Dancing Classes

Staff Continuous Professional Development (Courses attended by the staff during 2017/18):

- NEPS-Friends For Life

- PDST-Digital Learning Framework
- PDST-Leadership Seminar
- PDST-Play Based Maths
- HSE-Zippy's Friends
- Inspectorate-Child Safeguarding
- NCSE-a Continuum of Support
- NCSE-Leading an Inclusive School, Primary Principals, SET's, Coordinator
- NCSE-Assessment & Planning for Students with SEN, Primary
- NCSE-Seminar for Principals of Schools with Classes for Students with Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- NCSE-Developing Language & Communication for Students
- NCSE-Sarah Mackey-Access to Support from a Primary Behaviour Advisor
- ICEP Europe-Dyslexia: Identification and Effective Interventions
- INTO Learning-Mindfulness Matter 2
- Limerick Education Office-Literacy Lift-Off
- CPD College-Categories of Special Needs
- Epilepsy Training from Epilepsy Ireland
- Clare Education Centre-Computational Thinking-Coding in Primary School
- Clare Education Centre-Digital Technologies for STEM in the Primary School
- Clare Education Centre-Helping Children Understand Anxiety and Promoting Positive Behaviour
- Flúirse-Using Assessment Effectively in Literacy
- Hibernia-Using the Primary Language Curriculum
- **In-service:** Staff engaged in ongoing CPD during Croke Park Hours in various areas such as; New Language Curriculum, Literacy Lift-Off, Guided Reading, Building Bridges, Writing Genres, Spoken Text Types, Mata sa Rang, Station Teaching, Team Teaching, Child Safeguarding, Formative & Summative-Assessment, Continuum of Support, School Planning.

Curricular Plans Review -The BOM ratified the following curricular plans that were reviewed.

Mathematics

Music

Organisational Policy Review -The BOM ratified the following policies that were reviewed.

Administration of Medicine Policy

Anti-Bullying Policy: Annual Review

Enrolment Policy

Child Safeguarding (Protection) Policy: Annual Review

Assessment Policy

Mission Statement

Health & Safety Policy: Annual Review

Literacy and Numeracy Scores for 2018-2019

End of year scores attained by pupils both in Literacy and Numeracy were reviewed by the BOM. The BOM is very pleased with the standards being achieved.

Posts of Responsibilities Reviewed:

The posts of responsibilities allocated to the In School Management Team are as follows;
Deirdre Troy- Deputy Principal - SSE co-ordinator-Primary task is to promote a culture of improvement, collaboration, innovation and creativity in learning, teaching, and assessment by leading and managing a collaborative, inclusive, reflective process of internal school review.

Cara Garrahy-AP I- ICT co-ordinator- Primary task is to exploit the potential of ICT from an administrative context and a Teaching & Learning context-Also, a responsibility for the School Rolla and for First Aid:

Some In-School Practices and Initiatives

Whole School Approach to the teaching of the Writing Genres

Reading Recovery for selected Pupils

Mata sa Rang for Junior Infants-2nd Class.

Mata sa Rang Comprehension Strategies for 1st-6th Classes

Building Bridges Programme

'Big Block' for selected children

Literacy Lift Off-Juniors-2nd Class

Guided Reading-3rd to 6th Classes

Team Teaching (Selected Classes)

Implementation of a whole school approach to Assessment of Learning and Assessment for Learning

National Educational Psychologist Services (NEPS): NEPS Psychologist; Patrick Dolan

Beginning of School Year Meeting and Teacher Consultations

Educational Psychological Assessments

Review of Assessments

Assistance with Transitioning Programmes

Improvements Works, Applications and Purchases 2018-2019

New Roof in Old Corridor and Bathrooms

Internal Painting of Classrooms

New Grass Area beside ASD Class

New Extension completely finished

Fire Safety Certificate issued following Fire Safety Inspection

Purchase of a Graded Reading Books

Purchase of English Novels

Purchase of new Playground Toys

The BOM is very grateful to the DES for the financial support received. The BOM are also very grateful to the parents/guardians for their contributions throughout the year.

Fundraising Events

Cake Sale: Organised by Parents

No Uniform Days: Cancer Research and EVA (Ennis Voices for Autism).

Finance

Last year's school accounts were adopted by the BOM following checking by an independent accountant. The End of Year Accounts for this current year will be sent to the accountant for inspection in September. These will be available to the BOM and patron from the end of November 2018. The BOM expresses its thanks to the school secretary, Robina Jones for maintaining the school accounts to such a high standard.

Conclusion

The BOM expresses it's thanks to the Principal, Staff, Parents/Guardians, DES, Primary Inspectorate, School Community and all of those who support the work of our local national school.