

Board of Management Annual Report 2014 – 2015

Chairperson – Sr. M. M. Healy

Secretary – Ms. O. Ní Odhráin

Patron's Representative- Mr. P. Molony.

Teacher Representative – Ms. M. O'Malley

Parent Representatives – Ms H. Jewell, Mr D Timpson

Community Representatives – Mr T. Power, Mr P. Coughlan

The Board of Management met eleven times this school year (Extra meetings were scheduled because of the WSE)

Purpose of the Annual Report

The purpose of this Annual Report is to provide a summary of information on the operation of Scoil Ide in line with the requirements of the Education Act. This report serves as an addition to the information provided on the school website www.scoilidepps.com, the various newsletters issued by the school and the information booklet issued to all new parents in June of each year and information provided to parents on all other occasions.

Board of Management Information

- All Board members are obliged to keep confidential matters discussed at Board meeting, unless otherwise agreed by the Board.

Whole School Evaluation:

The Whole School Evaluation was an important item on the Board's agenda this school year. The Board met with the Cigirí on two occasions, pre and post evaluation. The Board met together prior to these meetings and following the WSE, the board drafted its response for publication. The Board would like to express their thanks to the school community for their excellent work for the WSE. The WSE report is available on www.scoilidepps.com and on the Department of Education and Skills website www.education.ie

Finances:

The Board submitted its accounts to the school Accountant, for certification and then forwarded the accounts to the Patron in Archbishop's House. School finances require prudent financial management. Additional funds are provided by school fundraising activities. The Board would like to sincerely thank all those who support these activities so generously and assure them that the money will be used prudently

Staffing

There are currently sixteen teachers in Scoil Íde – eleven classroom teachers and two Learning Support Teachers, one Resource teacher and two English as Additional Language (EAL teachers)

There were no changes to staffing allocation in this school year

Policy Development

The Board reviewed the Data Protection policy and it was circulated to the Staff and Parents' Association for comment/input before being ratified on 18/6/2015.

The Board reviewed its Child Protection policy and completed the Child Protection Annual Review. Child Protection was on the Agenda at every meeting, as per Child Protection requirements.

Extra Activities

The Board would like to thank the teachers who work so hard and give the children so many opportunities to develop their talents.

Congratulations to the quiz teams, athletes, footballers, Rainbows, Write A Book winners camogie players, choir members, Green schools committee, Food Dudes, Réaltaí na Míosa winners, Líne na Míosa winners, School Walk participants, Challenge to Change committee, Dublin Bus art winners, 1916 Postcard competition winner and all who represented the school so well this year.

Curricular Development

The staff and BOM of Scoil Íde engaged with the School Self Evaluation process last year. The focus was on literacy and numeracy. SSE report on literacy and the Maths SIP were approved by the Board. The Board would like to take this opportunity to applaud the good work being done in the area of literacy and

numeracy.

Parents' Association

The Board of Management of Scoil Íde would like to thank the Parents' Association for their tremendous support and trojan work throughout the year. The children and staff benefit from all their hard work. Thanks in particular for the very generous donation towards the purchase of storage for Infant rooms. A special thank you to the Parents' Association for their work in setting up and running both the Book Rental Scheme and Insurance scheme. The Book Rental Scheme has been extended this year to include more subjects.

School Policies

The following policies were ratified by the Board of Management during this school year:

- Whole school policy on Learning Support (revised)
- Critical Incident Policy (reviewed)
- Data Protection Policy

These policies are available on the school's website.

Thanks

The Board of Management expresses its appreciation of the hard-working, dedicated and committed staff of Scoil Ide led by the Principal, Ms Ni Odhráin. It also commends the members of the school community and the local community who actively support the school in so many ways, Maths For Fun & Bedtime Reading. The Board is happy that the religious ethos and characteristic spirit of the school is being promoted and developed. Special thanks to the children, teachers & parents involved in Sacramental preparation & to our Chaplain, Fr. Damian