



Broadford & Kilbane N.S.

Board of Management End of Year Report 2017-2018

Members of the Board of Management

Bernard Gunning, Chairperson

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Aonghus O' Brien, Principal and Secretary to the BOM

Deirdre Troy, Deputy Principal and Teachers' Nominee

James O' Connell, Community Nominee and Treasurer

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. October 26th 2017

2. January 16th 2018

3. February 16th 2018

4. May 1st 2018

5. July 20th 2018

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 2017-2018

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 2017: 123 pupils-117 mainstream, 6 special class.

School Inspector: The Roinn Cigire attached to the school is Mrs. Anne Fitzpatrick.

Child Protection

Designated Liaison Person: Aonghus O' Brien

Deputy Designated Liaison Person: Maireád Howard

Child Protection on the agenda at every BOM as per guidelines; New Safeguarding policy introduced this year along with Risks identified and communicated to the whole school community. Child Protection Policy reviewed annually and on display in all classrooms. 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 generally good.

Main School Events and Achievements 2017-2018

- Training and participation in Junior Traffic Warden Scheme
- Winners of the Clare interschool's Debating Competition
- Participation of all classes in Féile na hInse-highest ever number to place in the top 3.
- Third to Sixth Class Field Trip to Gortnaglough
- 6th Class cycle and hike to the top of Cragnamuragh
- Christmas Fundraiser in Danny's Bar
- Upgrade of Broadford & Kilbane NS website
- Science Week
- Dental Nurse Presentation on Oral Hygiene
- Junior Infants to Second Class attending the Christmas Show in UL
- 3 Clothes Collections
- Friday Activity Club
- Various Whole School Assemblies
- Hallowe'en Dress-Up Day for Temple Street
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- Swimming Lessons for First to Sixth Class
- Christmas Coffee Morning Organised by Parents
- Completion of our School Extension and removal of the Prefabricated Classrooms
- 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 and Fire Safety talks
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Participation in F.A.I. Soccer Tournament
- Junior and Senior Infant 's Teddy Bear Picnic
- Laying of our All Weather Pitch
- Commencement of Literacy Lift Off and Guided Reading in ALL classes
- Trials for picking candidates for the Hurling/Camogie/Football Primary Game
- Active Schools Week
- New Junior Infants Visit
- First Holy Communion
- Scratch Card Fundraiser
- 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 Corofin
- First and Second Class School Tour to Loop Head Lighthouse and Vandeleur Gardens
- Third and Fourth Class School Tour to Dublin
- Fifth and Sixth Class overnight School Tour to the Burren Activity Centre
- Both U11 and U13 teams winning the regional Credit Union Quizes
- U13 team qualifying for the All Ireland Credit Union Quiz
- Visit from new Junior Infants
- Interschools Quiz Success
- Participation in Litter Pick Up in the community
- Vote for the naming of all the rooms in our new school
- Boys Hurling and Football Cumann na mBunscoil competitions
- Girls Camogie and Football Cumann na mBunscoil competitions
- Hurling/Camogie School Leagues at Lunch time
- 5th & 6th class World Cup soccer competition
- Establishment of Student Council
- Baking Club
- Green School practices
- Cross Country Trials and interschool races in Lees Road
- Visit by Diocesan Inspector
- Morning hurling on the Ball Wall
- School Opening Mass and Ceremony performed by Bishop Fintan Monahan
- Participation in Spelling Bee
- Great Limerick Run for ASD Class
- World Book Day
- 3rd & 4th Class School Hurling Blitzes

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

- Forbairt
- Sustained Model of Support by PDST-Literacy
- Child Safeguarding
- NEPS-a Continuum of support
- New Language Curriculum
- Literacy Lift-Off
- CPR Training
- Fundamental Movement Skills
- Effective Oral Language Instruction Workshop
- Self-Assessment Learning Folders in the Classroom
- Running Records in Literacy Lift-Off
- Mindfulness and SPHE
- Using tablets for Literacy and Numeracy
- Autism and Inclusion in the Mainstream Classroom
- ICT and ePortfolios for Assessment
- SPHE in the Primary Classroom
- Learning Support Training
- Management in the context of a Mainstream School with an ASD Class

In-service: Staff engaged in ongoing CPD during Croke Park Hours in various areas such as, Oral Language, Guided Reading, Building Bridges, Writing Genres, Spoken Text Types, Mata sa Rang, Station Teaching, Team Teaching, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection, Self-Assessment, Planning.

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

- Visual Arts
- Drama
- Physical Education
- Music
- History
- Geography
- Science

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

Data Protection

Anti Bullying Policy: Annual Review

School Tour Policy

Child Safeguarding (Protection) Policy

Healthy Eating Policy

Organisational Routines and Procedures Policy

Health & Safety Policy

New Policies Proposed by the BOM (to be drafted, ratified and implemented)

Parents as Partners Policy

Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) Policy

Literacy and Numeracy Scores for 2017-2018

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;

Deputy Principal, Responsibility for Numeracy, Standardised Testing & Choir: Deirdre Troy

Responsibility for Literacy, I.T. & First Aid: Cara Garrahy

Some In School Practices and Initiatives

Review and agreement on whole school approach to Handwriting
Reading Recovery for selected Pupils to include SNIP and/or Toe by Toe
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)
Review and agreement on whole school approach to Assessment of Learning

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

Beginning of School Year Meeting and Teacher Consultations
Educational Psychological Assessments
Review of Assessments
Support in the Application of Assistive Technology
Assistance with Transitioning Programmes

Improvements Works , Applications and Purchases 2017-2018

New Yard Spaces (Funded by Department of Education & Skills)
New 'All Weather Pitch' installed: Financed by CLÁR Grant, BOM and fundraising
New Extension finished: Financed in its entirety by the Department of Education & Skills
Fire Safety Certificate issued following Fire Safety Inspection
Instalment of new Interactive Whiteboards (Funded by ICT Grant)
Instalment of new broadband and WiFi system (Funded by ICT Grant)
Removal of Pre-fabs (Funded by Department of Education and Skills)
Purchase of a Graded Reading Scheme (Fundraising and BOM)
Purchase of new furniture along with the acquisition of furniture form Kilbane N.S.
Instalment of new Kitchen/Staffroom (Funded by BOM)
Painting internally and externally of Old School Building (Funded by BOM)
The BOM is very grateful to the DES for the financial support received to allow us build new permanent classrooms. The BOM are also very grateful to the parents/guardians for their contributions throughout the year.

Fundraising Events

St. Stephens Night: Annual fundraiser in Danny's Bar
Cake Sale: Organised by Parents
No Uniform Days: Temple Street Hospital, Cancer Research .

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 for inspection in September. These will be available to the BOM 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 its 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.