



Agreed Report – Whitecross N.S. Board of Management

Board of Management Meetings 2022 – 2023

Date of Meeting: 20th October 2022

Venue: Whitecross N.S. - Staffroom

Duration of Meeting: 1.5 hours

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting: 11th August 2022.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from NCSE sanctioning the opening of a third ASD class

Finance:

The Board was presented with a financial update on school income and expenditure for the past four months. A budget for the year will be prepared by the Treasurer & Principal.

Principal's Report:

All Board members viewed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed plans for the school extension.

Enrolment – 419 children currently enrolled which includes 12 children enrolled in the ASD classes. The increase in enrolment is due to Ukrainian families living in Gormanston Park

Staffing – The school currently employs 40 staff. An additional teaching post was authorised on a temporary basis, teaching English to newly enrolled pupils. The school celebrated the retirement of Ms Timmons on 30th September. The Board thanked Ms Timmons for her work in the school.

A Fire drill took place on the 11th October.

Child Safeguarding

The Principal presented the Child Protection Oversight Report for this meeting to the Board.

Teaching & Learning

Staff are receiving sustained support from PDST with the implementation of the Primary Language Curriculum. Support has also been received from PDST to assist with creating Digital Learning Portfolios for children.

Department Inspection



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On Thursday 15th September, DES Inspector Sinead Patton visited the school for an incidental inspection. Her findings were very positive and the recommendations made will be addressed through sustained support from PDST.

Swimming – lessons are currently taking place each week for children from 3rd to 6th class.

Parent-Teacher Meetings – are taking place this week for classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class.

Security - Additional security cameras will be installed to prevent damage in the school grounds outside of school hours.

Next Meeting: The meeting was scheduled for December/January. An informal meeting will take place in November to discuss and plan for the Official School Opening.