



Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig

Date of Meeting:	Tuesday September 21st 2021	
In Attendance:	Triona Fitzgearld	Chairperson
	Michelle Sliney	Secretary
	Sephine Hallahan	
	Ursala McAuliffe	
	Donal Lyons	
	Liam Ó Callanáin	
	Cáit Breathnach	Recording Secretary
Apologies:	Carla Mollenoff	
	Colette Finn	
	Louise Sheehan John Nugent Derry Canty	
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the Minutes of Previous Meetings • Matters arising • Correspondence • Department Circulars • Educational Matters • Finance • School Planning - Admissions Policy, Admissions Notice, COVID Plan • Child Protection • Risk - School re-opening • Report on School Discipline issues • Principal's Report • AOB 	
Condolences	<p>The Principal paid tribute to Fr George O'Mahony who was Chairperson of the Board for many years. He was an extremely dedicated Parish Priest, a wonderful advocate for young people and a great friend to all schools in the Parish. He provided funding for our Prayer Room and allowed us to use the Community Centre in this time of need. Student representatives paid their respects at Fr. George's funeral on behalf of the school.</p> <p>May he rest in Peace</p> <p>The Principal will send a letter of condolence to Fr George's family and to Bishop Gavin.</p>	
Congratulations	<p>Congratulations extended to Triona on her retirement as Principal of St Columbas School in Douglas. Not only did Triona gave 41 years' service to the school but joined the school as a junior infant in 1964. For many years she was very committed to her students and staff and deserves congratulations and a long & happy retirement.</p>	

Election of Chairperson	Triona was elected Chairperson for the current Academic Year Proposed: Sephine Hallahan Seconded: Ursula McAuliffe
Delegation to Principal	The Board delegated authority to the Principal, Michelle Slaney, to enrol & to suspend. Proposed: Triona Fitzgerald Seconded: Donal Lyons
Adoption of the Minutes of Previous Meeting	Proposed: Liam Ó Callanáin Seconded: Sephine Hallahan
Matters Arising	
Correspondence e.g. Cork ETB, DES, NCCA, NCSE, HSE etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information session for BOM Members on 'Belong to' annual LGBTI anti-bullying campaign week: "Stand Up Awareness Week". Thursday, 30th September 8.00pm • Letter from EWO
DES Circular Letter issued or brought to the attention of the Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for the use of Reduced School Days in Schools • COVID Learning & Support Scheme – CLASS • Arrangements for Staff in relation to COVID • Arrangements for Inspectorate Engagement with schools 2021/22 year
Educational Matters e.g. Leaving Certificate/Junior Certificate/ LCVP/LCA/ JCSP/DEIS/SCP/PLC/TY, Curricular Plan, Subject Inspection Reports etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LC Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ National Average points = 376. CC average = 454 ✓ 7 students achieved 625, ✓ 10% of Students > 600 points, National Average = 5.7% ✓ Review of papers – Sept 11th ✓ Students can appeal results of Accredited Grades & Exams ✓ LCA Results superb - 8 out of 10 Distinctions. Diana Yermolayeva achieved 100% • Chromebooks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2nd Years are allowed to bring school-managed Chromebooks to school ✓ Result of feedback from surveys of teachers & 2nd Year students 2020/21 ✓ Very useful for research, projects & CBAs ✓ Dave Tobin organised for parents to purchase through Vmerge. Almost 200 took up the offer – over 100 2nd years & 100 from other years • ICT Committee organised & facilitated workshops for Staff during Start Up to upskill ICT capabilities

<p>School Planning /Policy Matters e.g. Enrolment, CPD, Croke Park Hours etc</p>	<p><u>Admissions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board agreed to ratify the policy <p><u>Covid Plan</u> – updated & ratified by Board</p> <p><u>Open Night:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Promotional video for CC ✓ Application information on website & circulated to feeder schools <p><u>Temporary Building:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ready by end of October ✓ Electrical & Gas works ongoing ✓ Will be fully painted, newly floored ✓ Furniture ordered ✓ Idirbhliain GCC to decorate front of Gaelpod ✓ GCC TY in Ballincollig Community Centre <p><u>New Build:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ground Work underway ✓ Number of surveys carried out during the summer ✓ Site investigation ongoing ✓ Architects drawing up 3 outline plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Will then consult and discuss with us ➢ Very keen to consult staff, students, parents & local community.
<p>Risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking: • Buses: • Parent/Teacher Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ October not possible ✓ Maybe post-Christmas ✓ Mid-term assessments & reports • Extra-curricular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No changing rooms ✓ Indoor with measures – eg drama, debating • Ventilation units installed in L1 & DEMO Room • CO2 monitors delivered – 10 (should be 30) • Outdoor student areas – more benches provided
<p>Finance Report</p>	<p>Proposed: Ursula McAuliffe Seconded: Donal Lyons</p>
<p>Anti – Bullying Policy Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to review policy at next meeting • Stand Up Awareness Week to include general Anti-Bullying themes – November

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCU National Anti- Bullying Research & Resource Centre have developed an anti-bullying & online safety Programme for 2nd Years. We have registered for that ✓ SPHE teachers trained to develop workshop on online safety, cyber security & the Bullying By-stander ✓ The aim is to increase self-efficacy of students in noticing, responding to & reporting bullying & online issues.
Report on School Discipline Issues	<p><u>Suspensions:</u> 3</p> <p>Review of VShare Behaviour Tab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tab introduced last year • Survey of Staff May & feedback from Pastoral Teams • Very positive response – more beneficial than using Dialann • Areas to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ensure parent is checking ✓ Different levels & different approaches / consequences ✓ Consistency among teachers ✓ More emphasis on positive comments ✓ Presentation to pastoral teams to whole staff during Start Up
General Report from Principal	<p><u>Comment / Actions /Advice Arising:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Young Scientist Win – outstanding achievement. • Wonderful we can organise retreats – both TY & 2nd Years. Organised by new Chaplain Carmel Falvey • Conor Coughlan – Awarded scholarship to UL. • Liam Cotter represented Ireland in the World Orienteering Championship • Annual Meeting of Cork City Council in June held in Spórtlann – New Lord Mayor Colm Kelleher is a past pupil of Gaelcholáiste Choilm • Some of our past pupils on Minor & U 20 All Ireland winning teams visited the school.
Agreed Report to Staff & Parents/Guardians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board congratulate students, staff & parents on the outstanding Leaving Cert results • The Board congratulate Alan O’Sullivan & Cormac Harris on winning European Young Scientist competition. • The Board expressed their condolences to the family of Fr George O’Mahony and also to Ballincollig Parish and the Diocese of Cork & Ross. • The Board congratulate Conor Coughlan on being awarded a scholarship to the University of Limerick • The Board congratulate past pupil Colm Kelleher, Lord Mayor of Cork. • The Board congratulate Diana Yermolayeva who achieved 100% in Leaving Cert Applied. • The Board thanked the whole school community for their wonderful cooperation with all COVID measures and sincerely hope that our normal vibrant school life will resume fully soon.

Agreed Date for Next Meeting	November 9 th – Enrolment & Lottery

Signed: _____ Chairperson

Date: _____