

## Collon National School Report from the Board of Management

8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The new Board of Management for 2019 -2023 signed their Declaration of acceptance of the membership of the Board. Board members for 2019 -2023 are Seamus Roe ( Chairperson) , Anne Marie Martin, Grainne Reid, Fr John O Leary, Alan Dalton, Jennifer O Donoghue, Bernie Conway and Lisa Calvey.

Anne Marie Martin elected as Secretary.

Alan Dalton elected as Treasurer.

Enrolment of two pupils into second and third class accepted.

Treasurer's Report : Balance for end of December 2019 presented to the board.

Principal's Report :

Pupils/ Staffing

Enrolment: 220 pupils minus one family of three children plus two new pupils into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> now means 219 on roll.

Enrolment week is taking place during the Week of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

Attendance: overall is good, a lot of sickness before Christmas especially in Junior Classes.

Staff attendance: Special Needs Assistant out for 3 months, has now returned.

Parental Leave / Paternity Leave: had sub cover. Maternity leave: Sub cover was immediately in place (same sub, even though leave commenced two weeks earlier than expected). We have been extremely lucky in getting substitute teachers in to cover any staff absences. There is a huge shortage of substitute teachers. We had no retired teachers in subbing.

Curriculum : All staff attended Primary Language Curriculum Training Day in December . Principal also attended a training day for principals in helping to lead the changes going forward with the new PLC. We have half day closures to take as webinars become available this year.

Primary Language Curriculum : Staff continue to engage in and examine the new Curriculum.

Science : PDST ( Professional Development Service for Teachers) School support booked for this Term in the area of Science.

English Scheme: Reps from the English schemes are booked in Jan/ Feb to give presentations on the new schemes available. Staff will look at all schemes and decide on what suits the needs of our school the best.

Posts of Responsibilities : 4 new I Pads have been purchased, website is updated by all class teachers on a monthly basis, Ms Winters will be demonstrating google drive and all plans will be placed on this drive. All classes have W FI Extenders now.

School Choir : performed at the 150 Year celebration of the Church.

Science : Parents Association paid for 1000 euro worth of Science equipment : Mrs Davis oversaw the selecting and purchasing of this equipment.

Student Council : election took place before Christmas : Students presented their "campaigns" at Assembly and between classes. Election was held and 8 students were elected. 2 pupils from each class 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> .

Parent Teacher Meetings : ran very smoothly and were well attended by all.

### Parents Association

Great work done by Parent's Association in fundraising before Christmas with the Christmas raffle, (fantastic prizes and sponsorship) , Christmas Jumper day and Santa's visit to the school. 2,202 was raised with raffle and 245 for Jumper day. Internet Safety Talk was organised through the NPC but it was not well attended by parents.

### Health & Safety

Immunisation Team will attend the school on 30/1/2020

Eyes/ Ears: Nurse will test Junior Infants on 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Ceiling tiles collapsed in Corridor with Heavy rain (Johnny replaced tile with one from PE room)

There has been a leak in Boys bathroom in 6<sup>th</sup> class (New Building) when there is heavy rain.

### Sacramental

First Confession : Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

First Holy Communion : Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Confirmation : Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

Family Masses have been arranged and are being well attended. The Ceremony of Light is being organised at the moment. School Choir participated in and all staff attended the special Celebration of Mass for the Church being 150 years old. It was a beautiful celebration to be part of for all concerned.

#### Special items

- Junior & Senior Infants : Parents attended their Christmas plays
- First & Second class : sang songs and carols for other classes
- Fifth & Sixth class: Performed Christmas dramas for other classes
- Dr Pol Bond : NEPS Psychologist : Friend's for Life Programme commencing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. He is hosting a meeting for the parents of the pupils attending on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- School Secretary Linda Matthews will be on a one day strike on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. And a work to rule is commencing from 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- GAA Coaching continues with Sean Hand GDO.
- Rugby Coaching : Erratic attendance from Rugby coach in the last term.

Child Protection : Oversight Report presented to the Board.

#### Any Other Business:

Seamus informed the Board that he had dealt with a parental complaint.