

Collon National School Report from Board of Management

October 2018.

There were meetings of the Board of Management held in June and October 2018. The following is an updated report from these meetings.

1. Staff: Resignation received from Miss Lisa O Callaghan. Permanent appointment made from Main Panel. Mr Donal Casey appointed to a Permanent position.
2. Two Temporary positions to fill two fixed term appointments: Mrs Sarah Jayne Moran and Miss Katie Campbell appointed to these positions.
3. All school absences of 20 days plus reported to NEWB at the end of school year.
4. Deep Clean of all school toilets, corridors and windows completed over the Summer holidays. Two classrooms painted.
5. Risk Assessment as part of the Child Safeguarding Statement completed and approved by the Board.
6. Board will be applying to the Department of Education and Skills for funding for a new hall/ GP room on school site.
7. Continuation of After School Lego club and Arts & Crafts club approved by the Board.
8. 224 pupils currently enrolled in Collon NS.
9. School Self Evaluation process to commence 2018/19. The focus is on Gaeilge and in particular the Oral Language aspect of Gaeilge. Croke Park Hours already being used by school staff to begin the process of SSE.
10. The accounts for year 2017/18 were presented to the Board.

10.SPHE Curriculum will be taught by all class teachers at 1pm every Wednesday afternoon of the school year.

11. Yearly and fortnightly plans have been looked at by In School Management team.

12. Board of Management are funding Samba Drumming lessons for a six week term for all classes from 3rd to 6th.

13. The Board are happy for GAA Coaching / Hurling Coaching to continue from Louth Coaching Games & Development. The school have signed up for the GAA 5 Star Centre Initiative.

14. The Board are happy for Swimming lessons to continue for all pupils, 3rd to 6th class and Tag Rugby for 6th class pupils.

15. The Board thanked the outgoing Parents Association for all their help in supporting the school and fundraising completed. They wished the new Parents Association Committee well.

16. ICT: Annual servicing of interactive white boards carried out. Two new projectors purchased. Three new laptops and one new computer purchased to replace old ones. 10 new iPads purchased.

17. New testing materials and equipment purchased for SEN.

18. School Staff continue with Professional Development.

- Incredible Years
- Friend's for Life
- Zippy's Friends
- Team Teaching in Maths
- OT Sharing Skills

19. Yard: Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First class are currently using astro turf and soft play areas for break and lunchtimes.

20. Policies ratified by the Board:Critical Incident Policy, SEN policy, Parent/ Staff Communication policy and Asthma policy.