

## Collon National School : Report from the Board of Management

February 2019

There were meetings of the Board of Management in December 2018, January and February 2019. The following is an updated report from these meetings.

1. Minor Works grant received , priority to be given to fire safety prevention works.
2. Accounts presented, examined and ratified by the Board for years 2016/17 and 2017/18.
3. Application for funding for a School Hall/ GP room made to the Department and letter received informing Board that funding is unavailable at this time.
4. Enrolment Policy updated and ratified by the Board in accordance with the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018.
5. Preparations for sacraments are going very well and Fr O Leary gave great praise to the school, teachers, parents and especially pupils for their active participation in the Family Masses and the Ceremony of Commitment and Light.
6. Major shortage of Substitute Teachers was highlighted.
7. PDST Advisor met all school staff in relation to professional development in the area of Digital Learning. 10 iPads are in use throughout the classes.
8. Health Promoting School: Assembly time is working out very well and is a very positive experience. Friendship week was a huge success and well done to everyone for becoming so involved.
9. Student Council will be established before Easter. New AP II Post holder to be involved in Student Council.

10. Primary Language Curriculum planning and implementation is ongoing and a school closure day has been sanctioned by the Department of Education & Skills for this school year. This closure will take place in Term 3.
11. Tennis Coaching will resume and Board of Management will continue to fund these lessons.
12. Data Protection Privacy Statement was presented to the Board for examination. It will be ratified at a later date.
13. Enrolment applications were considered for pupils applying for places in Junior Infants in September 2019 and First class 2019. Offers of places will be made.
14. Staff Leave: Applications considered and approved for Job Share positions and Career break for School Year 2019/2020.

- Career break approved for Miss Joanna Hughes
- Job Share approved for Mrs Andrea Devlin
- Job Share approved for Mrs Susan Davis
- Job Share approved for Mrs Paula Johnson

15. Application for Parental leave considered and approved for Mrs Susan Davis, for four weeks: 20<sup>th</sup> May- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
16. New Assistant Principal II Post to be filled, as per Circular 70/ 2018. Final proposals for post to be ratified, post will be advertised and interviews will be held, preferably by Easter holidays.