

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2020

**MINUTES OF THE 14th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TYNDALL COLLEGE
A SUB-COMMITTEE OF KILKENNY & CARLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD -
MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2020**

Attendance: Mr. Seamus Donohoe, Chairperson
Mr. Gerry McGill, (Principal) Secretary
Mr. Dermot O'Boyle, Staff Representative
Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles, Staff Representative
Mr. Fergal Browne, ETB Representative
Ms. Andrea Dalton, ETB Representative
Mr. Thomas O' Donohoe, Parents Representative
Mr. Brian Redmond, Community and Business Representative

Invited Guests: Ms. Emer Morrissey, Deputy Principal

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

Mrs Mary Broderick, Parents Representative

3. Minutes of the thirteenth meeting of the BOM of Tyndall College

On the proposal of Mr. Thomas O Donoghoe, seconded by Mr. Brian Redmond, the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising

5. Correspondence

Correspondence received from Carlow County Council, acknowledging Tyndall College's letter concerning the roundabout. The matter will be followed by Mr. Fergal Browne and Ms. Andrea Dalton at council level.

6. Finance

The principal has received confirmation, that a PPP building, results in a reduced budget for the day to day running of the school.

7. Secretary's Report

A. Teaching and Learning

- A Whole School Evaluation announced for Tyndall College. The two inspectors will be meeting the BOM on Tuesday 3rd, March 2020, and will spend three days in Tyndall College Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th March 2020.
- History, as a subject has now been given core subject status as per department circular 16/2020. This means that students entering first year in September 2020, will now have four core subjects, English, Irish, Maths and History. This will have implications for the timetable and subjects offered as well as staffing implications.

B. School Self Evaluation

- Under School Self Evaluation, Looking At Our Schools Framework 2016 -2020, the current focus is on Student Voice.
- A School Self Evaluation Report, on Student Voice and Co-Teaching is now being collated. This is being prepared by Ms Quinn.
- Work is progressing on the School Improvement Plan and is due in May 2020.
- Baseline Data is now collated on the DEIS Action Plan. Following a review a new plan will be presented to the BOM in September 2020. This is prepared by Ms N Phelan.

C. Extra-Curricular

The secretary reported

- Boys Basketball - 1st year boys in playoffs on Thursday 5th March 2020
- Girls Basketball - 1st and 2nd year girls in playoffs on Wednesday 4th March 2020
- The senior soccer team is through to U19 B final

D. Cross Curricular

The secretary reported that there are a number of events happening in school over the next number of weeks

- Seachtain na Gaeilge - over the next two weeks in March. The secretary thanked to all involved in organising the activities and events
- Mr McGill thanked all those involved in Grátitude, in celebration of St. Valentines Day. Bunches of flowers were given to people, who students felt deserved it for all they do to support them. This included Family, Students and Staff.

- Fairtrade Fortnight is ongoing
- A pool table and Subbuteo table are now in place, on the ground floor near Ms. Morrissey's office and outside the Staffroom on the 1st floor. Mr McGill thanked Mr. O'Boyle, for the work done and for organising the leagues currently underway. The pool table was sponsored by a local business and cost €700.

E. Covid 19

- Italian Students –students from Northern Italy went home over midterm. We have insisted on a 14-day isolation period before they can return to school and a doctor certification to return. Other Italian students stayed in Carlow over the midterm.
- Awaiting advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs, regarding the school tour to Spain at the end of March 2020.

F. School Events

- As per agreement with Carlow Town Post Primary schools, the entrance assessments for incoming 1st year, will be Friday 13th March 2020, at 1.30pm.

G. Enrolments

- Enrolments for 1st year 2020-2021, currently stands at 142.
- The Carlow Principal's forum are discussing the possibility of having an enrolment window for Carlow Town.

8. Policies

No policies to be ratified at this meeting

9. Parents Association (PA)

- A Tyndall College Newsletter is being developed by the PA, with the Students Council having an input.

Pancake Tuesday 23rd February

Members of the PA made pancakes for the entire school. It was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire school community. Mr. McGill thanked the parent's association for their efforts.



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10. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Nothing to report

11. Anti-Bullying

Nothing to report

Date of Next Thursday 21st May 2020

SIGNED: _____
CHAIRPERSON

DATE: _____

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SECRETARY

DATE: _____