

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2021

**MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TYNDALL COLLEGE
A SUB-COMMITTEE OF KILKENNY & CARLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD –
WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY**

Attendance:

- Mr. Seamus Donohoe, Chairperson
- Mr. Gerry McGill, (Principal) Secretary
- Mr. Dermot O’Boyle, Staff Representative
- Mr. Fergal Browne, ETB Representative
- Ms. Andrea Dalton, ETB Representative
- Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles, Staff Representative
- Mr. Chris Chapman, Parents Representative

Invited Guests :

- Ms. Pauline Egan, Director of Schools, KCETB
- Ms. Emer Morrissey, Deputy Principal

Apologies :

- Mrs. Mary Broderick, Parents Representative
- Mr. Brian Redmond, Community and Business Representative



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1. Welcome
 - The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr Chris Chapman, was welcomed to the Board of Management as it was his first meeting.

2. Apologies
 - Mrs. Mary Broderick, Parents Representative
 - Mr. Brian Redmond, Community and Business Representative

3. Minutes of the seventeenth meeting of the BOM of Tyndall College
 - On the proposal of Mr Dermot O’Boyle, seconded by Mr Fergal Browne, the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

4. Matters Arising
 - There was no matter arising.

5. Anti-Bullying
Nothing to report.

6. GDPR
Nothing to report.

7. Correspondence
No correspondence.

8. Board Response to WSE Report
 - The Secretary presented the BOM, with the WSE MLL final report.
 - The Board agreed the response to be sent to the Inspectorate.
 - The Board congratulated the college on the positive report, commitment of the staff and the School Management Team.
 - Tyndall College is already working on the recommendations in the report.
 - Mr McGill thanked the Board and KCETB, for their work and support around the inspection.



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10. Secretary's Report

a. Learning & Teaching

2020-2021 - Online Learning

- Staff are now teaching remotely on Microsoft Teams.
- Student engagement levels are currently at 84%.
- An audit and survey has carried out on devices available to students at home.
- The School Completion Programme team, engaged with students who do not have ICT available to them. We have been awarded a grant for 20 families, who do not have access to wifi or devices, through CCDC.
- SCP, BFL, HSCL & the Co-Teaching Team, are now working with students who have not been in a position to engage due to connectivity issues.
- The college has provided devices for some students in 6th Years, who have been prioritised.
- KCETB is examining the digital grant funding awarded to Tyndall College.
- Mr. McGill complimented the staff for their assistance to families with remote learning.
- Those who cannot engage are receiving:
 - A daily “check and connect” from a designated teacher.
 - Work booklet sent to them.
 - SEN Students are getting a daily check and connect from staff.
 - A daily check and connect from teachers and SNA's.
 - With the present rate of infection there is some anxiety regarding the re-opening of special classes.

b. *2020-2021 - Mock Examinations*

- The Dublin Examinations Board, have suspended all activity and will not be issuing mock papers.
- The college will purchase mock exam papers, for 6th year students, from Exam Craft. Mock exams maybe held at a later stage than usual.
- The mock exam papers may be used during class time as a teaching tool. This may also support a potential calculated grades system.
- No information from the Department of Education on the Junior Certificate. We have not ordered mock papers for Junior Certificate Students.



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c. Posts of Responsibility

- 2020-21 New Posts of Responsibility Under Circular 003/2018 Tyndall College:
- 4 Assistant Principal II positions, currently being interviewed for. There are 16 applicants interviewed for the positions.
- Currently there are:
 - One Programme Coordinator at AP I level.
 - Seven Assistant Principals at AP I level.
 - Four Assistant Principals at AP II level.

d. Enrolments 2021-2022

- Overall enrolments are at 660, in Tyndall College, for 2020 – 2021.
- Estimated enrolments for 2021-2022, 780-800 for 2021.
- First Year enrolments for 2020-21, are now at 168, with a waiting list in operation. A management decision was taken to increase the number from 144 to 168.
- Carlow Schools Network, to discuss concerns regarding dual enrolments.

e. Installation of an artificial playing surface on the basketball court

- Currently working with the NDFA, Sensori FM and KCETB, to finalise this project.
- Mr. Liam Scott, Director of Operations, KCETB, is working with Tyndall College on this matter.
- Quotes have been sought.

f. School Meals

- This is taking place every two weeks. The first one took place Wednesday, 20th January, 2021.
- Collection is by drive through, on the school campus.
- Some food is delivered by SCP and HSCL.
- There is a high demand for this service.

9. Parents Association

- Item deferred until the next meeting.

10. Disciplinary Matters

- Nothing to report at this time.



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The date for the next meeting was not decided owing to the current National Level 5 lockdown and schools operating remotely. A date will be set in due course.

SIGNED: _____
CHAIRPERSON

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