

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

MONDAY 27th JUNE 2022

MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TYNDALL COLLEGE A SUB-COMMITTEE OF KILKENNY & CARLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD – MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2022

Attendance: Mr. Seamus Donohoe, Chairperson
Mr. Gerry McGill, (Principal) Secretary
Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles, Staff Representative
Ms. Mary Broderick, Parent Representative
Mr. Fergal Browne, ETB Representative
Ms. Andrea Dalton, ETB Representative
Mr. Dermot O’Boyle, Staff Representative

Apologies Ms. Maria Quinn Deputy Principal
Ms Pauline Egan. Director of Schools, KCETB
Mr. Chris Chapman, Parents Representative
Mr. Brian Redmond, Community Representative

Invited Guests : Ms. Emer Morrissey Deputy Principal

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1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting

2. Apologies

- Apologies were received from the following: Ms Pauline Egan, Director of Schools, KCETB, Mr. Chris Chapman, Parents Representative, Mr. Brian Redmond, Community Representative, Ms. Maria Quinn Deputy Principal.

3. Minutes of the twenty fourth meeting of the BOM of Tyndall College

- On the proposal of Ms Andrea Dalton, seconded by Ms. Mary Broderick, the minutes of the 24th BOM were adopted.

4. Matters Arising

- No matters arose.

5. Learning & Teaching

- The presentation on DEIS has been deferred to the next Board of Management Meeting.

6. GDPR

- Nothing to report.

7. Correspondence

- There was no correspondences for the Board to consider.

8. Finance

- Due to a new online reporting system, an up to date financial report is not available. The secretary will present same at the next BOM meeting.
- Parents have been sent a link for an online payment Way2Pay.
- Tyndall College has requested a card terminal from KCETB to take card payments on site.

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9. Secretary's Report

Condolences to the Family of M.r Jim Conway

- Mr Conway passed away on the 13th June 2022. He was a long term member of Carlow Vocational School staff and will be sadly missed.
- Mr McGill expressed his condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Conway.
- The Chairperson stated that he was heavily involved with the community, the church, the GAA and the school. He was a dedicated teacher, anxious that students do well and he gave his all to that purpose. He will be sadly missed by a large circle of former colleagues and friends.

State Examinations

- Tyndall College had a large number of separate centres for the State Examinations.
- Tyndall College accommodated Youth Reach students to complete their exams.
- The ETB are arranging the Leaving Certificate, 2nd sitting, which commence Wednesday, 29th June, 2022. Tyndall College has been nominated as the centre for County Carlow. Ms. April Kavanagh will be overseeing this process.
- Recruitment of teaching staff is ongoing at the present time.
- Extra curricular Activities
 - The Girls basketball team won the South East final.
 - Under 16, soccer teams both boys and girls, won their respective KCETB tournaments.
- Mr. McGill apologised to the Board members, as emails inviting members to a number of events, were found stuck in the outbox and weren't received.
- 1st and 2nd Years went to Tayto Park, 5th Years, went to the Cinema.
- Gaisce Awards
 - TYs completed their bronze award. They cycled the Greenway in County Waterford.
 - 5th and 6TH Years, completed their Silver Award.
- Tyndall College, won the Community Engagement Awards, for Global Citizenship. Mr. McGill congratulated the GCE team, led by Ms. Aoife Gordon, and thanked Carlow County Council for their support.
- An information evening for Incoming 1st Years, was held on 15th May 2022. It was a very positive engagement with parents and students. Mr McGill thanked the Parents Association for their support on the night.
- KCETB, Ethos Show Case, took place in May, in Borris Vocation School. Tyndall College was represented by out students in words and song. The students developed an Ethos Tree that was unveiled at the event. Mr. McGill, thanked Ms. Quinn and the team of staff and students involved in this.

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- An enrolment of 942 students, projected for 2022 - 2023. There is a waiting list for 1st year. There is also a number of applications for transfers to other year groups across the school.
- Moving forward, the BOM will be looking at curriculum planning as the college is growing and diverse needs are now emerging. Leaving Certificate PE was put on the curriculum in 2021 – 2022.
- Mr. McGill thanked the Parents Association and commended them for all their work. Mr McGill outlined the tremendous service of Ms Mary Broderick over the five years of Tyndall College. He expressed sincere thanks on behalf of staff, students and the BOM.
- Mr. McGill thanked the BOM for their support and the work they do for Tyndall College.

10. Parents Association

- Ms. Mary Broderick, outlined the number of activities and events, that the Parents Association has been involved in particularly in the last term.
- The level of support and engagement has greatly increased since restrictions were eased.
- Ms. Broderick thanked Ms. Clare Halpin for the work she is doing as the Parents Co-ordinator.
- The Parents Association has assisted the students to organise the Debs, in the Dolmen Hotel, the end of August.
- Ms Broderick thanked the Board of Management and wished them well moving forward.
- Mr. McGill thanked Ms. Broderick and read out the scroll, her daughter Sophie gave to Mr. McGill.
- A New Parents Representative will have to be brought on to the Board of Management for the coming year.

11. Admissions Policy

- Mr. McGill presented the updated Admissions Policy 2022 – 2023, to the members of the Board.
- The College was supported in this by ETBI.

Selection criteria in order of priority from the Admissions Policy

- Tyndall College will apply the following criteria for admission to the First-Year Group:
 - If the Student resides in the catchment area;
 - If the Student has siblings currently enrolled in the school;
 - If the Student had siblings previously enrolled in the school;
 - If the Student's parent(s) or grandparent(s) are a current staff member;
 - Whether the Student attended feeder primary schools listed in Sections 1.1 to 1.12 of this policy.

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- Mr. McGill, clarified that the ETBI, gave advise and guidance to all ETB schools and colleges but there were scope within the regulations for schools and colleges to adapt to suit their particular circumstances.
- Mr. McGill set out the issues around the number of transfers coming for year groups across the school.

On the proposal of Ms. Andrea Dalton, seconded by Mr. Dermot O'Boyle , the Admissions Policy was adopted by the BOM.

- The revised and adopted Admissions Policy for 2022-2023 will be put before the KCETB Board in July, to be in place for the coming academic year.

The Chairperson thanked Mr McGill Principal, The Deputy Principals, Ms Morrissey and Ms Quinn, all staff and members of the Board for their work. He thanked Ms. Broderick and wished her and her family well.

The next meeting of the BOM of Tyndall College have been provisionlly scheduled for Monday 5th September 2022 at 4pm. A provisional date, the 7th November 2022 has also been scheduled for the 2nd BOM.

SIGNED: _____
CHAIRPERSON

DATE: _____

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SECRETARY

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