

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2022

**MINUTES OF THE 27TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TYNDALL COLLEGE
A SUB-COMMITTEE OF KILKENNY & CARLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD –
MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2022**

Attendance: Mr. Seamus Donohoe, Chairperson
Mr. Gerry McGill, (Principal) Secretary
Ms. Andrea Dalton, ETB Representative
Mr. Chris Chapman, Parents Representative
Mr. Fergal Browne, ETB Representative

Apologies Ms. Pauline Egan, Director of Schools, KCETB
Mr. Brian Redmond, Community Representative
Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles, Staff Representative

Invited Guests Ms. Emer Morrissey, Deputy Principal
Ms. Maria Quinn, Deputy Principal

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1. Welcome
 - The Chairperson welcomed all members to the meeting.

2. Apologies
 - Apologies were received from the following members: Ms. Pauline Egan, Director of Schools, KCETB, Mr. Brian Redmond, Community Representative, Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles, Staff Representative.

3. Minutes of the twenty sixth meeting of the BOM of Tyndall College
 - On the proposal of Ms. Andrea Dalton, seconded by Mr. Chris Chapman, the minutes of the twenty sixth Board of Management were adopted.

4. Matters Arising
 - Mr. McGill referred to the vision document and the preparation involved.

5. Student Council presentation by Ms. Caithlin O'Regan and Ms. Valeria Almeida.
 - Mr. Dermot O'Boyle, introduced the secretary of the student council, Caithlin O'Regan and Valeria Almeida, both 3rd Year students. They gave a very informative and articulate presentation to the Board of Management.
 - The Student Council helps the student body voice their opinions and problems. It works in partnership with the college and parents. Work is underway to have closer ties with the Parents Association.
 - Members are elected by the proportional representation system of voting.
 - Issues and initiatives supported by the student council include:
 - Non Uniform Day
 - Santa Run
 - LGBTQI+ week
 - Non-binary bathrooms
 - Food Appeal.
 - A letter was sent to the owners of Munnelly's shop regarding issues involving students.

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- Uniform Policy
- They were involved in creating the college logo and motto.
- The student council were at training last week organised by KCETB. This was very informative and beneficial.
- Areas addressed at the training included:
 - The Lundy model of student participation.
 - There was focus on capacity building.
 - They worked on reaching compromise.
 - Improving communication skills
- Ms. Andrea Dalton praised the presenters for how well they addressed the Board of Management.
- Mr. Chris Chapman sought clarity on who delivered the training. Ms. Denise Kelly, delivered last week's training on behalf of KCETB. The Student Council has also attended training by the ISSU.
- The Chairperson, Mr. Seamus Donohoe, thanked the presenters for their very informative presentation and thanked their teacher Mr. Dermot O'Boyle, for his work with the Student Council.

6. Anti-Bullying

- Mr. McGill asked Ms. Morrissey to outline the Anti-Bullying Policy and the work of the inspectorate around it to the Board of Management.
- Ms. Morrissey presented the Anti-Bully overview to the Board. The document will be shared with Board members at the next Board of Management Meeting.
- Mr. McGill outlined how the bullied student is supported and how the student, who is doing the bullying is also supported and educated to understand their behaviour in order to make changes to it.
- There are plans to have Ms. Elaine Roe, Juvenile Liaison Officer, talk to all students and Mr. Ger Brick to address parents, around bullying issues.

7. GDPR

- Nothing to report under GDPR at this meeting.

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8. Correspondence

- There are no correspondence for this meeting.

9. Secretary's Report

a. Learning and Teaching

- The Junior Cert results will be issued on Wednesday the 23rd, November, 2022.
- LCA results for last years session were issued last week.

b. KCETB Teach Meet

- Mr. Ryan and Mr. Kinsella presented on the Tyndall Staff Shared Learning Day and Ms. Dooley presented on the college's Journey to a Safe and Supportive School.
- Mr. McGill and Ms. Morrissey hosted breakout rooms.

c. Assessment

- October assessment window has now opened for all year groups. The reports will issue after Halloween.

d. Parent Teacher Meetings

- 3rd, 5th, and 6th, Year Parent Teacher Meetings have now been held.

e. Student Numbers

- The official October return was for 955 students.

f. Opening Evening

- This took place on Thursday, 29th, September 2022, with a very large attendance.
- It was a very successful evening.

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g. 1st Year Enrolment 2022 – 2023

- The enrolment window was from 3rd October to 24th October.
- Applications will be assessed this week based on the Admission Policy criteria.
- There is currently no places available in Special Needs Classes.
- The entrance assessment will take place in March, 2023.

h. Schools Trips

- The LCA group went to the cinema.
- Senior students attended the SETU open day.

i. Assistant Principal

- Ms. Marie Claire O’Boyle, was appointed AP1.
- An APII will be advertised after mid term.
- As we have crossed the threshold of 900 students, KCETB will be making the case to the Department of Education to expedite the appointment of the Third Deputy Principal.

j. Extra Curricular

- Mr. McGill gave details of the various boys and girls teams that are representing the college in a variety of sports.

k. School Meals Audit

- The Department of Social Protection is carrying out a School Meals Audit in November 2022.

l. Erasmus Plus

- The trip to Macedonia in September, 2022, was a tremendous success.
- Students from different countries are coming to Tyndall College in November.
- Mr. McGill thanked the team led by Ms. Rappoccio.

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10. Parents Association

- There is no report from the Parents Association at this time.

11. Chair and Vice Chair of KCETB

- Chairperson Seamus Donohoe congratulated Mr. Fergal Browne, on his appointment as Chairperson of KCETB and Ms. Andrea Dalton, on her appointment as Vice Chairperson of KCETB.

The next meeting of the BOM of Tyndall College have been scheduled for 19th December 2022.

SIGNED: _____
CHAIRPERSON

DATE: _____

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SECRETARY

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