

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

MONDAY 19th DECEMBER 2022

**MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TYNDALL COLLEGE
A SUB-COMMITTEE OF KILKENNY & CARLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD –
MONDAY 19th DECEMBER 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
Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles, Staff Representative
Mr. Dermot O’Boyle, Staff Representative

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

Invited Guests Ms. Emer Morrissey, Deputy Principal

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

2. Apologies
 - Apologies were received from Ms. Pauline Egan, Mr. Brian Redmond and Ms. Maria Quinn.

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

4. Matters Arising
 - There was no matters arising.

5. Anti-Bullying
 - Mr. Ger Brick, will be coming to Tyndall College in the New Year to give a talk on Internet and Cyber Bullying.
 - The FUSE Programme with 2nd Years participants is nearing completion. It has been very positively received.

6. Safe and Supportive School
 - The Board of Management members were requested to complete a survey, which is required for Tyndall College to achieve the Quality School Mark.

7. Correspondence
 - There was no correspondence for the Board of Management.

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8. Health & Safety

- Training has been provided by KCETB for the Safety Representative and Safety Officer.
- Mr. Patrick Kinsella is the Safety Representative.
- Mr. Gerry McGill is the Safety Officer.

9. Admissions Policy – Update

- The Minister for Education can now compel a school to open a Special Class under section 37A.
- Tyndall College currently has 4 special classes, 3 ASD and 1 MGLD.
- Tyndall College works closely with the regional NCSE Special Educational Needs Officer (SENO).
- ETBI sent tracked change documents to support ETB Schools with the Admissions Policy updates.
- On the proposal of Mr. Chris Chapman, seconded by Ms. Andrea Dalton, the amended Admissions Policy was ratified.

10. Secretary's Report

- Junior Certificate Exam Results
 - The Junior Certificate Exam Results were issued 23rd November, 2022. Overall students were pleased with the results.
 - The change to the grading structure and language used to convey the results caused some confusion with parents.
- Christmas Exams
 - They were completed at start of December.
 - Reports will issue this week.
- 1st Year Subject Options
 - An Information evening around subject selection had taken place, with First Year subject selection completed.
 - A new timetable will now be put in place.

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- Senior Cycle
 - There was a subject show cases held in the college.
 - An information evening was planned but had to be postponed due to a weather warning. It will be rescheduled.
- Restorative Practice
 - KCETB have opened applications for two teachers, from each school, to take part in the Restorative Practice Course in SETU.
- Magenta Principles
 - Three teachers are taking part in this round of Mike Hughes, Magenta Principles Course, organised by KCETB.
- Parent Teacher Meetings
 - Parent Teacher Meetings, for all year groups, now taken place.
 - They were face to face and were very positively received.
- School Completion.
 - The 6 school cluster of which Tyndall College is a member has now expanded to 12.
 - Lorraine Dowling Farrell, who has been a project worker with SCP for 18 years, has recently been appointed as SCP Coordinator in Athy. Mr McGill, thanked Lorraine for her years of dedicated service.
 - The Board agreed to write a letter to Lorraine, thanking her for her service in Carlow Vocational School and Tyndall College.

HSCL

- Ms. Andrea Dalton, raised the issue, that Tyndall College and Carlow Educate Together, continue to share a HSCL, despite the increase in school numbers.
- The Board of Management agreed to write to the Department of Education, regarding this matter.

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Recruitment

- Recruitment is ongoing.
- Mr. McGill, wished to thank the HR team, in KCETB. for their work and support in recruiting staff.
- Mr. Colm Murphy and Mr. Kate Kennedy have recently joined the teaching staff.

Enrolments

- 1st year enrolments for 2023 – 2024 have taken place.
- Mr. McGill meets with the Principals of the other Carlow Schools to sort dual enrolments and to finalise numbers for each school.
- Entrance assessments will take place in March 2023

Assistant Principal II

- An AP II was advertised by KCETB, with, interviews to take place in the New Year.

Clerical Officer Grade III

- Ms. Marita Nolan, started in Tyndall College, 19th December, 2022.

Sport

- Tyndall College have entered teams in soccer, basketball and hurling competitions.
- The Basketball U16 and U 19 Girls teams won the South East Championships.
- The Volleyball team have qualified for the regional final.

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- Mr. Dermot O’Boyle set out how the Student Council worked with the Ethos Committee and recorded a video. “If Tyndall College was a person what type of person would it be?” The video was used to structure same and will be posted on social media and the college website.

School Meals Inspection

- An inspector visited the school on Tuesday, 15th November.

Christmas Activities

- The Christmas party was held in the Resource Centre, on Friday, 9th, December, 2022.
- The Christmas Concert was held on Friday, 16th, December, and supported by The Parents Association.
- The Santa Run and Whole School Quiz, was held Monday, 19th, December.
- A Trip to the Cinema for the whole school is planned for Tuesday, 20th, December, 2022.
- The school will close for Christmas, on Wednesday, 21st, December, 2022.

ERASMUS + Programme

- Trips to Macedonia and Germany have taken place
- Pupils from 6 European countries have visited Tyndall College.
- There is a trip to Italy in the New Year.

Thanks

- Mr. McGill thanked all the member of the Board of Management for their commitment.
- He also thanked the students, parents and staff of our school community, for their continued support.

11. Parents Association

- The report was prepared by Ms. Clare Halpin

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- Friday 16th December Junior and Senior Carol Event with music and choir by students of Tyndall College.
- Local businesses sponsored prizes and these will be highlighted on our social media pages.
- Money raised will be divided up between The Parents Association, GoFundMe and local charities.
- The Parents Association are making preparations to host a Fashion Show in April /May, 2023.

12. Bus Terminus for Carlow Town

- New name for terminus Tyndall / CIFE

The Chairperson thanked all members of the Board for their contribution. He thanked all the staff of Tyndall College for their commitment to the students and the high quality of teaching and learning taking place.

The next meeting of the BOM of Tyndall College have been scheduled for March 6th, 2023.

SIGNED: _____
CHAIRPERSON

DATE: _____

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SECRETARY

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