

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023

**MINUTES OF THE 29th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TYNDALL COLLEGE
A SUB-COMMITTEE OF KILKENNY & CARLOW EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD –
TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2023**

Attendance: Mr. Seamus Donohoe, Chairperson
Mr. Gerry McGill, (Principal) Secretary
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
Mr. Chris Chapman, Parents Representative
Ms. Andrea Dalton, ETB 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.
 - The Chairperson extended condolences on behalf of the Board to Mr. Fergal Browne on the passing of his mother.

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

3. Minutes of the twenty eight 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 were no matters arising.

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

6. Health & Safety
 - Risk assessment carried out for every room in the school.
 - Mr. McGill, and Mr. Kinsella, attended a two day training course regarding this.
 - The HSA are doing on the spot inspections.

7. Policies
 - Tyndall College Schools Trips Policy 2022 – 2023
 - The previous policy had been updated in line with KCETB advice and guidance.
 - Mr. McGill thanked the Director of Schools, Ms. Pauline Egan for her assistance.

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On the proposal of Mr. Fergal Browne, seconded by Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles, the Schools Trips Policy was ratified.

8. Secretary's Report

- Oral examinations had taken place during the Easter Holidays.
- The Practical Music Examinations have taken place earlier this year.
- The LCVP Examination is to take place on the 3rd of May 2023.
- Leaving Certificate Applied Task Interviews are ongoing.
- Practical Examinations in Construction, Engineering and Art are ongoing.

Classroom Based Assessments - Junior Cycle

- 3rd Year, CBA, completed
- 2nd Year CBA, window now open and the reporting is ongoing.

Learning & Teaching

- Ongoing, voluntary Teach Meets, led by Mr. Ray Ryan and Ms. Adrienne Dooley. An invitation to be extended to BOM members.
- Certificate in Restorative Practice (RP)
 - There are four staff members currently attending SETU to attain certificates in RP.
 - Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles, gave an outline on Restorative Practice to the Board.
- A Careers Fair, was organised by Mr. Jordan Lowry in March 2023 with over 40 stands. All Carlow ETB schools were invited. We will extend this in 2024. It was a great success with positive feedback.
- 2022, JCPA certificates, were awarded to last year's Junior Cycle students. Mr. McGill thanked Ms. Reilly, Ms. Dooley and Ms. Morrissey.
- Junior Cycle for Teachers - CPD Day - focus on Level 2 Learning Programmes
- Junior Cycle for Teachers - Subject Specific focus.

Curriculum

- A Presentation on curriculum changes being planned, for the next BOM.

Recruitment 2023-24

- The recruitment process for 2023-24 has commenced.

Cyber Bullying

- Mr. Ger Brick, presented workshops on Cyberbullying to 1st years.
- This was organised by Ms. Audrey Howard Bowles who outlined the content of the workshops.
- There is the potential for him to come back to do more work with the school in the next academic year.

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Special Class Sanction

- Correspondence received on the 30th of January, 2023, from the SENO, stating that a 4th, ASD class, has been sanctioned.
- This class will be full for September 2023.

Enrolments

- 1st Year enrolment 2023 – 2024.

Assistant Principal Positions

- Mr. Dermot O'Boyle, was appointed as an AP 2. He is working with the Student Council and on the Digital Strategy.

Green Schools/Global Citizenship

- The 5th Green Flag for Biodiversity has been achieved.
- Congratulations were extended to Ms. Aoife Gordon, Mr. Paul Manton and team on this fantastic achievement.

Flag Day

- Members of the History Association attended a ceremony in Waterford, where we were presented with the Tricolour.
- A ceremony took place in flying the flag.

Sporting Events

- U15 Football, Roinn D are South East Winners, which is a first for Tyndall College.
- 2nd Year Girls reached the final of SE Basketball.
- U16 Ladies GAA defeated in county final.
- U15 Ladies Soccer ongoing.
- U14 soccer team were final were defeated.
- U19 soccer team were final were defeated.
- The Senior Girls, Volleyball team have reached the final.

Other Events

- Ethos Day KCETB
 - The college was used as the venue, for the launch of ETB Day
- Other Events in Tyndall College
 - Whole School Quiz was organised for tutor time.
 - An Ethos Video, titled 'Who we are' was produced in Tyndall College.

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- A Guess Who competition ran during tutor time.
- A 1st and 2nd year mini sports day was held.
- A Seachtain na Gaeilge lunch celebrated.
- A JCSP and Well Read programme, organised.
- A Breakfast club for incoming 1st years, set up.
- A TY Podcast on Ethos produced.
- Ethos Postcards on core values were sent to parents.
- Classroom activities ongoing.
- Global Citizenship
 - Carlow County Council Litter Pick
 - Global Passport - Biodiversity
 - The College is working with Sensori, to provide more bins.
- Hidden Hero
 - Staff are nominating students and prizes are on offer.
- The Gaisce Trip is happening Wed 26th, to Fri, 28th, April 2023.
- Other Year Group Trips are being planned.
- Tyndall College took part in Erasmus Plus Trips to Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Macedonia, and Spain. Mr. McGill thanked Ms. Rappoccio for leading this programme.
- STEAM
 - Mr. Ryan and Mr. Jackman are leading the STEAM club.
 - A Lego Club has been set up.
 - A wagon building traveller education initiative is up and running.

Mr. McGill, thanked all the staff involved in the wide range of extra and co curricular activities, that are happening in Tyndall College.

Key Dates

- Thursday, 18th May Sports Day.
- Monday, 22nd May, 1st Year Celebration.
- Tuesday, 23rd May, School Awards Day.
- Wednesday, 24th May, 6th Year Graduation
- Thursday, 25th May, TY Graduation

9. Parents Association

- This report is being held over until the next meeting.

Subject to confirmation, the final Board of Management Meeting will take place on Monday, 29th May, 2023.

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