



Star of the Sea Primary School
Board of Management Annual Report 2021-2022

Star of the Sea PS currently has a pupil enrolment of 378. Staffing consists of 16 mainstream class teachers, 8 SET posts, 4 SNAs, a secretary and a caretaker. New members to the Board of Management were appointed during the year. The Board is constituted as follows:

Mr. Denis O' Byrne, Chairperson
Ms Maggie Mulpeter, Patron's Nominee
Mrs Adré Vosloo, Community Nominee, Treasurer to the BOM
Mrs. Angelique Cashman, Principal, Secretary to the BOM
Ms Ruth Deane, Teacher Nominee
Ms Meg Burke, Parents' Nominee
Mr. Marc Linehan, Parents' Nominee
Mr. Kevin Carroll, Community Nominee

The BoM held 6 meetings over the course of the year. The BoM has met its obligations in respect of Child Protection and Anti-Bullying procedures as laid down in Circular 0065/2011 Appendix 2 and Circular 0045/2013 and Circular 0081/2017

The BOM is in compliance with GDPR.

The BOM approved 'Schools Accounting' to oversee the schools accounts and their end of year compilation in line with FSSU requirements.

With BOM approval five exemptions from the study of Irish were granted since September 2020.

The SEAI report was submitted

Staff: 2021 – 2022

BOM sent its congratulations to Mr John Driscoll who went on secondment in January 2022 in order to take up his role as President of the Irish National Teachers Organisation 2022-2023 at the Union's congress at Easter.

Three career breaks were sanctioned for 2022-2023. Two job share arrangements are in place for 2022-2023

School Reopening Sept 2021

The school reopened successfully for pupils in Sept with all previously ratified Covid 19 protection procedures in place.

Air filters were purchased for the school in January 2022 and placed in all classrooms.

Curriculum:

The staff engaged with the following Continuous Professional Development during the year:

Cohort 1 of the Primary Language Curriculum

SESE: SEN procedures in the primary school

Online course in GDPR with ARK Services

Events:

- Hallowe'en Hair Day and assembly was successfully supported despite restrictions
- Bricks4Kidz
- PA Christmas Fair adapted for restrictions under Covid 19 was a big success
- PA ran a very successful outdoor 'Gold Rush' fundraiser
- Sports Week
- Sciath na Scól
- Wellness Week
- Pupils represented the school at the City Sports and did extremely well with the school the overall winner of Roinn A

Maintenance:

- All door handles were replaced
- Substantial work was done on replacing electrical lights in all rooms
- Additional built-in shelving was installed to provide SEN storage

School Garden Project:

Our school garden continues to flourish

The Passage West Men's Shed are active in creating an outdoor classroom for the school

IT

BOM were made aware that much of the IT hardware in the school is old and in need of replacement in the next 1-2 years. Several classroom projectors were replaced throughout the year. This is an ongoing task as many of this hardware is now very dated.

4 Teacher laptops also had to be replaced with more replacements possible required in the future

Policies

BOM ratified

Covid 19 Statement

Response Plan for Re-opening the School

Admissions of Medicine Policy

Sacraments

The school very successfully celebrated 4 sacramental ceremonies this year. Four First Communion ceremonies in Sept and May.

Two Confirmation ceremonies in Sept and March.

The Board of Management conveyed its deep appreciation to Fr Sean O' Sullivan for his dedicated involvement with the school.

This report was ratified by the Board of Management on 15th June 2022