



Star of the Sea Primary School

Board of Management Annual Report 2020-2021

Star of the Sea PS currently has a pupil enrolment of 421. 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. Angelique Cashman, Principal, Secretary to the BOM

Ms Ruth Deane, Teacher Nominee

Mrs Lorraine O'Sullivan, Parents' Nominee

Mr. Marc Linehan, Parents' Representative

Mr. Kevin Carroll, Community Representative

Mrs Adré Vosloo, Patron's Nominee, Treasurer to the BOM

The Board conveyed its deepest condolences to the family of Mr Anthony Reidy, former treasurer to the Board.

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 Mr Declan O'Connell as accountant to oversee the compilation of the school accounts for 2019/'20

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

SEAI report submitted

Staff: 2020 – 2021 saw a number of retirements in Star of the Sea PS:

- Teachers-Ms Josie Walsh, Mr Pat Kelleher. Secretary – Mrs Kay Murphy. Caretaker-Mr Eddie Farr
- Mrs Aoife Daly and Mrs Clare Deasy secured permanent posts.
- Mrs Caroline Murphy was appointed school secretary.
- Mr Kevin O' Byrne was appointed caretaker
- Ms Ruth Deane was approved for the AP 2 post of responsibility
- The school became a base school for the Substitute Supply Panel with 3 additional fixed term posts appointed in Sept 2020

School Reopening Sept 2020

The school reopened successfully for pupils in Sept.

BOM ratified the following

- Covid 19 Policy Statement
- The School Reopening Plan
- Child Protection and Risk Assessment
- Addendum to the Code of Behaviour

Board approved the purchase of a storage container and the installation of railings outside the school.

Board approved the enhanced cleaning procedures

Board commended the staff on the excellent work done to reopen the school safely in line with DE guidelines.

Curriculum:

BOM were supportive of the DE curriculum target 'Slow down to catch up'

Accelerated Reader programme was purchased for the school.

Events:

- New admissions procedures implemented.
- Hallowe'en Hair Day was successfully supported despite restrictions
- PA Christmas Fair adapted for restrictions under Covid 19 was a big success
- PA ran a very successful outdoor 'Gold Rush' fundraiser
- New school tracksuit was introduced – compulsory for Junior Infants
- Staff undertook CPD on Restorative Practice and Well Being

Maintenance:

- Emergency works were carried out on the emergency lights system throughout the school

School Garden Project:

Thanks to the dedication and determination of parent Deirdre Hurley and with the support of the Men's Shed, and despite school closure our school garden project got under way this year.

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30 laptops and 30 iPads with 2 charging cases were purchased for pupil use. 3 IWB projectors were replaced.

Covid 19 – School Closure Jan – March 2021

BOM ratified

- The Remote Learning and Teaching Plan
- Communication Protocols

Board agreed to employ the services of ARK Services to review the schools GDPR policies and procedures.

Permission received from Patron for use of a school credit card.

School Re-opening March 2021

School successfully reopened with all Covid 19 response measures in place.

School successfully completed its SSPS Inspection.

Policies

BOM ratified

- Data Protection and CCTV Policy (Ark Services)
- Policy on Use of a School Credit Card

The Board expressed its gratitude to Mrs Lorraine O' Sullivan for her service to the BOM as she retires as Parents' Nominee to the BOM.