

Board of Management Meeting - Agreed Report

Date of Meeting: 30/06/22

- **Covid-19 - Grants**
 - It was reported by Mr. Neenan that there has been no indication as to whether the Covid grants will be carried forward into the 2022/2023 school year.
- **ICT**
 - Our school has been chosen for the roll out of high speed fibre broadband. This is due for installation before the end of 2022.
- **Principal's Report**
- **Sacraments -**
 - Thank you expressed to Fr. Tarrant for his wonderful support and constant communication regarding sacraments. Confirmation took place on Thursday April 7th and the children in 5th and 6th and 1st Holy Communion took place on Saturday May 14th. Both days were real highlights of the school year for the entire school community and Ms. O' Sullivan, Mrs. Cronin and all the staff who helped out in any way should be extremely proud of their efforts, the parish is lucky to have such custodians of the faith.
 - Thank you also expressed to Father for celebrating two very meaningful masses for us in recent weeks, the retirement mass of Mrs. Mary Breen and the graduation mass for our 6th class, they were both wonderful occasions.
- **Extra-Curricular:**
 - GAA - This year marked a return of the Rural schools competitions and we competed well in both boys and girls competitions. The girls did go that one step further and brought the title back to Ballydesmond, defeating Kanturk in an epic final that the entire school attended. A great day to raise everyone's spirits!
 - School tours returned with all classes enjoying wonderful days out with their teachers and classmates
 - We had a wonderful sports day in the Gaa field and thank you to them for facilitating.
- **Book Fair**
 - We held an enormously successful Book Fair in May, it was lovely to see such a hive of activity and buzz around it. The school will receive a commission from the sales to further boost our own stock of books.
- **Student Council:**
 - At the end of May our Student Council, spearheaded by Ms. O' Sullivan ran a second hand book store in the Community Hall and it was incredibly successful, well done to Ms. O' Sullivan and the pupils involved.
- **Parents' Council Initiatives**

- The Parents' Council have purchased maths equipment worth €1000 for use across the school and have also pledged to fund new basketball rings which have just arrived in recent weeks.
- **Enrolment:**
 - We held a very successful induction program for our incoming scholars and they will bring the roll for September to 100 as things currently stand (intake of 12)
- **Staffing**
 - SET and SNA hours remaining the same for 2022/2023
 - We celebrated the retirement of Mrs. Breen who has been a wonderful servant of the Ballydesmond NS community for 12 years.
 - Interviews were held for a maternity leave position and Ms. Marie O' Doherty was ratified by the BOM to fill that position on the recommendation of the interview panel.
 - Interviews were held for a 0.83 SNA position and Mr. John O' Connell was ratified by the BOM to fill that position on the recommendation of the interview panel.
 - A letter from Mr. Neenan to the BOM was read into the minutes. This letter outlined his decision to resign his position as principal of Ballydesmond NS, effective of October 3rd 2022. He will take up the role of principal in a school in Tralee on that date.
 - Words of congratulations, gratitude and best wishes extended to Mr. Neenan by board members.