



# Board of Management Update

# Middleton College

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The Board of Management held its most recent meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

- At the start of the meeting the Chairperson, Bishop Colton, confirmed that he had received a letter from Mr. Bud Morrissey, Deputy Principal, confirming his decision to retire from the College at the end of the current academic year. Mr. Morrissey has given many years of teaching and management to the College and his contribution will be marked appropriately at the end of the school year.
- Dr. Gash confirmed that written Mock Exams would conclude on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March with Mock Oral Exams taking place the following week. Results and Reports will be posted in the coming weeks.
- It is hoped to have a new online payment system available before the end of the current academic year to allow parents/guardians pay for tours/trips and fees.
- The College has recently introduced a new student management system VSWare. This is the format for marking attendance and will also allow for Term Reports to be completed on line. Easter 2014 will be the first time these Reports will be issued.
- Board of Management members recently attended a number of training events. Mr. Jerry Lynch and Ms. Sara O'Hara attended a course on Competencies based Interviewing/Recruitment while Ms. Louise Oppermann and Mr. Lynch attended a Child Protection Seminar. In relation to Child Protection, Dr. Gash attended Designated Liaison Person Training. Dr. Gash is the Designated Liaison Person for Middleton College. The course provided participants with the information to carry out this important role in an effective manner. He also confirmed that three members of staff would be attending an upcoming 'Mindfulness in Education' course in Dublin.
- As part of its ongoing review of College Policies and Procedures the Board confirmed the following:
  - A sub-committee of the Board will review the Child Protection Policy prior to bring it to the Board of Management for discussion.
  - A Staff Sub-Committee is in the process of developing a Policy for Trips & Tours.
  - The College Guidance & Counselling Plan is currently being worked on. Once complete this will be brought to the Board for discussion prior to ratification.
- The Board of Management together with the Board of Directors took a tour of the College campus to allow them plan future works.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015.