



Midleton College

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Board of Management Agreed Report

Agreed report following the Board of Management meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020:

- As part of its plan to deal with COVID-19 the Board supported the purchase of individual isolation rooms. The Board welcomed the installation of three pre-fabricated isolation pods on campus, with two more to be delivered in the near future. These are to be used in the case of an international boarding student becoming ill with Covid-19. The Board was delighted to hear that upgrade works are almost completed and the Pavilion is ready to be re-opened.
- The Board wished to welcome the new members of the Parent Teacher Association for the coming academic year 2020-2021 and wish them well for the coming academic year. PTA 2020-2021: Chairperson: Tara Murphy; Secretary: Sally Drennan; Treasurer: Viviane Kamegni; Edward Gash, Claire Flood, Delphine O'Brien, Eoin Whyte, Debbie Walsh Collins, Elliot Taylor, Laurie Harte, Mary Prendergast, Michelle Cuddigan.
The Board acknowledged the work of the PTA who recently organised and hosted zoom meetings with all of the parents groups from Form I – Form VI. The Board understands that the feedback from the meetings has been very positive.
- The Student Council elections took place recently and the Board extended its congratulations to the 25 newly elected candidates. Tommy Cosgrave is the new chairperson and Charvi Agarwal is the new secretary. Ms. Louise Curtin is the Teacher Liaison. The Students Council have already had some meetings and have plans to host a Christmas Jumper Day for the Simon Charity in December. Student Council 2020-2021: Form I: Hannah Curtin, Harry Fitzgerald, Phoebe Sexton, Form II Lucas Brennan, Louise Cosgrave, Aidan Figuerdo, Emma O'Neill, Form III Jack Fitzgerald, Jack Hanna, Charlotte O'Brien, Form IV India Allen, Ava Murphy, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Sienna Sharkey, Form V Tommy Cosgrave, Rowan Harte, Lauren Jennings, Amy McLaughlin, Lawrence Noonan, Logan Sharkey, Form VI: Charvi Agarwal, Eabha Collins, Holly Hoban, Mia McLoughlin, Darragh O'Sullivan. Vice Chairperson: Aidan Figuerdo, Vice Secretary: Eabha Collins, Treasurer: Mia McLoughlin, Vice Treasurer: Lawrence Noonan, Head of PR: India Allen, PR Committee: Rowan Harte, Phoebe Sexton, Sienna Sharkey, Lucas Brennan, Emma O'Neill, Hannah Curtin & Logan Sharkey.
- The Board received an update from the Finance sub-committee and the Development sub-committee who recently held meetings. The next Development sub-committee meeting is to be held on 25th November 2020. The Finance sub-committee are continuing to work through the process of items reviewed at the last meeting and will report at our December meeting.
- The Board discussed a number of school policies. The Code of Conduct is in a final draft and is to be returned to the Board again for review at the next meeting. Other policies were also discussed such as the Anti-bullying Policy, the Guidance Policy and the Wellbeing Policy and these will be reviewed again at the next meeting. After consultation with Stakeholders and ratification by the Board the main policies will then be uploaded to the College website.
- The Board acknowledged the good support that we received in light of the positive Covid-19 case recently confirmed at the school. The HSE and the dedicated Principal's Helpline were very helpful in providing information and guidance in dealing with this case.
- A COVID-19 Oversight Group has been established to monitor and review all initiatives undertaken by the College to deal with the virus and to ensure compliance with all public health and Department of Education guidelines. It consists of Dr Lynch, Dr. Gash, Mr. Stanley, and the two Lead Worker Representatives (Louise Curtin and Clive Seale). Their next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th November 2020.
- A review of how to organize effective Parent Teacher meetings during the pandemic continues to take place. The Board heard that school management is actively engaging with an external provider to assist in facilitating these meetings. Further information will be sent to parents when available and it is hoped to facilitate the Form VI PT meeting before Christmas.