



Powerstown Educate Together National School

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Board of Management Minutes Powerstown ETNS

Wednesday 26th June 2018

Venue	Powerstown Educate Together NS – Staff Room
Date of Meeting	26/6/2018
Time	START: 8.00pm END: 9:50pm
Present	PoC, JC, CC, SK, HT
Apologies	KL, CC, NM

Agenda Topic:	Notes
Welcome	
Confidentiality	All BOM reminded that all matters discussed are confidential
Minutes	See May's minutes
Matters arising	Any matters arising in agenda
BOM obligations	5 meetings required per year. We require 8 members to attend 5 meetings per year. If a Board member wishes to resign from the Board please let Helena know by Friday June 29th and replacement board member can be sought for the 2018/19 school year.
Correspondence	GV response from Bus Eireann - received. Will request same annually
Permanent recognition request	In progress at present due to DoE error in processing in 2012. Whole school evaluation expected in Term 1 2018/2019.
EAL Appeal	EAL allocation reduced from 5 teachers to 4 teachers. Appeal refused.

SNA allocation rationale	Reduction in SNA allocation for 2018/2019 school year. Rationale request made pending reply and will appeal as necessary
Standardised testing	Report submitted to DoE
Teacher appointment forms	Ratification of teacher posts for 2018/19 school year. Parents will be informed of same via staffing page on school website in due course.
Change of staff form	Submitted to DoE
SNA appointment forms	Ratification of posts for 2018/19 school year. Parents will be informed of same via staffing page on school website in due course.
SNA change of staff form	To be submitted to DoE tomorrow - after ratification of posts.
July Provision	Contracts signed with private tutors Access to school - dates to be confirmed by BOM School access limited to 2nd July - 13th July 2018 from 9am to 4pm.
NEWB report	Content discussed. To be submitted by 2nd July
Snags	Final site inspection today by DoE, KSN and ABM. Concerns over doors and roof leaks. Concern over fire audit report. Concern over heating - but need to wait until colder weather come to test properly. Rooms too warm with heat - no maximum room temperature in departmental guidelines
Fire Audit	Fire audit discussed at length. Concerns re content of report. Works to be completed over summer. Helena to liaise closely with National Office, DoE, KSN & ABM re same
Percent of Art	Snags to be completed before final payment made. Works to be approved by DoE before funding released to school
ASD class & Incidents / Behaviour Management & Prof support	Policy drafted, will be brought to BOM meeting in August Concern over some pupils with ASD and no access to services
Birch class / CAAC	Section 29 - appeal turned down.

Cleaners	3 quotes - discussed.
Kamilah Room / Extension application	Temporary Application for doing up Kamilah room Discussion on application for possible extension.
Child Protection Report (CPOR)	CPOR discussed
Garda Vetting of BOM	Awaiting response from Educate Together
New Data Protection Guidelines - GDPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School policy • DoE guidelines pending • Communication Policy August 2018 • GDPR policy – pending DoE • Data Protection Policy and CCTV policy to be updated using data protection and ipjn guidelines.
NCSE updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for technology refused. • SEN hours to be investigated • SNA applications made for "late" enrolees/new assessment reports
NEPS update	NEPS work completed for this academic year. CC to stay on as NEPS psychologist next year
POR	New post descriptions to be brought to BOM in August 2018
SSE	Inspector Mary Dunne visit on Wednesday 27th for SSE support.
Toileting and Intimate care needs	BOM were given draft copy of Toileting and Intimate care needs policy at last Bom Meeting. Policy shared with relevant parents for feedback Ratified by BoM
PLC Training	School one day closure next year to support implementation of same.
Whole School Planning / Curriculum	Staff monthly meeting with Helena is positive and informative of learner outcomes and curriculum content
Droichead / NQT update	All teachers have completed Droichead
EWO referrals	2 ongoing cases
Bullying	Level 1 & Level 2 investigated in one class
Swimming	Price comparisons – plans for 2018/2019 - awaiting confirmation from pools. Will probably be aquatic centre in Term 2

Jonix	Jonix have requested turning support room in to classroom - knocking a wall - long term rental opportunity - Jonix will take on all costs involved. BoM approved of works
Tús Programme	Waiting update from Tus
Caretaker	Summer work - 20 hours requested in July. Return during induction week of 20th August.
Dept Circulars	All DES circulars available here
Irish exemptions	No new applications
COS update	SESS review day Class profiles update COS policy review underway in line with best practice
Treasurer Report	Discussed
Principal Report	Discussed
Next Meeting: Meetings for the year	22nd of August @8pm