

Annual Report on the work of the Board of Management 2015 - 2016

The Board met on five occasions during the school. It met twice with the members of the Board who had served since November 2011 and then met three times with the new members who will serve until November 2019. All board members made regular and important contributions which has helped the Board to run smoothly.

Both myself and Mr. O' Gorman would like to acknowledge that great work carried out by the retiring Board members. They were a pleasure to work with and we thank them all for their efforts over the four years of their involvement.

These retiring members are:

Michael Dunphy
Michael Cody
Carol Duggan
Mary Dunne

I also wish to thank the members who have volunteered their time for the current four-year term.

These members are:

Bernadette Reid
Sean O' Callaghan
Eleanor O' Connor
Paddy Murphy

Eddie Synnott has kindly agreed to continue his excellent work as Board Treasurer for another term of office and that is very much appreciated also. A comprehensive treasurer's report was given at all meetings and great efforts are made to use our financial resources wisely and to the best benefit of the children and curriculum delivery.

On behalf of the Board, I also extend my gratitude to the Parents' Association who are also doing great work for the benefit of the school.

Please find on the next page a full list of all the work carried out by the Board of Management since September.

Issues dealt with:

- School Security
- School Planning
- Curriculum Planning
- Enrolment
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Staffing Arrangements and Appointments
- School Insurance
- Attendance
- IT Resources and advances
- School finances and financial planning
- Child Protection
- School Calendar of events and holidays
- Sacramental preparation and celebration
- Sporting arrangements
- Life skills – swimming lessons
- Standardised testing
- Maintenance and repairs
- Policy review
- Resource teaching and time allocations
- Energy saving measures
- New furniture purchased
- Guest speakers provided for children
- School excursions
- Fire Safety regulations monitored
- School Heating
- Rewiring of older classrooms
- Critical Incident policy formulated at beginning of the year
- Flagpoles purchased
- New entrance door
- Classroom and ancillary staff resources and materials purchased during the year.

The Board of Management thank the pupils for their efforts and co-operation, the parents for supporting the school and its activities and the wider community for its goodwill.

The Board wishes the pupils leaving for secondary school every blessing for the coming years and to everyone in the school community – may they have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Ballyfacey Board of Management is happy to serve the school and the wider community. It promises to continue to work hard to meet its obligations and stay always within its remit, supporting the children through offering a safe learning environment and effective staff. The Board welcomes support it receives from the parent body and we hope that this account gives an understanding of the role which it has and the work that it does.

Signed: Thomas O'Jude
Chairperson

Date 27th June 2016