

Annual Report on the work of the Board of Management of Ballyfacey N.S. 2023-2024

Introduction:

The Board of Management of Ballyfacey N.S. manage the school on behalf of the patron and is accountable to him and the Minister for Education. The Board must uphold the ethos of the school. The Principal is responsible for the daily management of the school, including staff management and in turn is accountable to the Board.

The Board has eight members: two members from the patron, two community representatives and two parent nominees. The Principal has a place on the Board along with one teacher nominee.

The Board is responsible for the efficient use of funds, having the building equipped and in good order and repair. It arranges the employment of teaching and ancillary staff. It is involved in and responsible for school planning, delivery of the curriculum, school policies, health and safety issues and child safeguarding.

The Board met on regular occasions during the school year 2022-2023. All members made frequent and important contributions which have helped the Board to carry out work smoothly.

A report on how the school is meeting its child safeguarding obligations was made by the Principal at each Board meeting as per Department of Education Guidelines.

A comprehensive Treasurer's report was given at all meetings and great efforts are made to use our financial resources wisely and for the best benefit of the pupils and curriculum delivery.

The current members of the Board of Management are:

Fr. O' Toole P.P. - Chairperson

Tommie O' Gorman - Principal/ Board Secretary

Ciara Spencer – Teachers' Nominee

Margaret Boyle - Parents' Nominee

Billy Dunphy - Parents' Nominee

Eileen Irish - Patron's Nominee and Treasurer

Bridget Murphy - Community Nominee

Paul Comiskey - Community Nominee

Issues dealt with:

1. Child Safeguarding including Garda Vetting requirements in line with revised Child Protection Procedures 2023.
2. Admission of new pupils.
3. School Security and key holding.
4. School Books Grant scheme co-ordination.
5. Facilitation of Staff familiarisation with new Primary Curriculum Framework.
6. School Self-evaluation handwriting improvement plan.
7. RSE talk for older pupils.
8. Clothing collection fundraiser.
9. Initiatives carried out in partnership with our proactive Parents' Association
10. Health and Safety issues including maintenance and repairs.
11. Revision of curricular plans.

