

Cork Educate Together Secondary School
Board of Management (BOM) Meeting
Agreed Report

Meeting Number:	14
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Date:	22.02.2018
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Attendees:	Eric H, Colm O'C, Pam O'L, Rachel D, Laura NK, Susanne F, Siobhan M, Joe F, Cian F, Rory E.		
Chair:	EH	Minutes:	COC
Apologies:	Peadar K		
Location:	Carrigaline ETNS		

Agenda

1. Principal's report
2. Correspondence
3. Accommodation update
4. Finance
5. Short presentation on the challenges posed by our current practices re. the deployment and management of tablets in CETSS by David Cole
6. Documents for discussion, ratifications:
 - Deployment and Management of Tablets
 - Child Safeguarding Statement
 - ASD Class Enrolment Policy
 - Administration of Medicines Policy
 - School Attendance Statement
7. Anti-bullying Report
8. Child Protection Report

Minutes

1	Principal's Report Brief update, due to full agenda.
2	Correspondence
3	Accommodation 2018/19 COC and EH attended a meeting with residents near the Nemo site to discuss their concerns. Cork City Council have requested more info from ET and Atkins, in order to make a decision on the Nemo proposals. Specifically, they relate to 1. Traffic and 2. Fire Safety.
4	Finance The monthly accounts were reviewed and approved.
5	Tablet deployment Presentation on the challenges posed by our current practices re. the deployment and management of tablets in CETSS by David Cole. Whilst acknowledging their positive role overall, challenges remain related to distraction, inappropriate usage, wasted time and Child Protection

	<p>concerns. The draft Tablet Deployment Procedures raised two issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ‘Lockdown’, meaning that the tablets would be for educational use only. This would minimise risks related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inappropriate use of chat rooms - Inappropriate sharing of images - Downloading of inappropriate apps e.g. ‘Calculator app’, which hides a fake desktop <p>A lockdown would make investigations easier, when necessary, increase efficiency (same age devices, same capability, same iOS), reduce distraction, improve discipline, reduce the risk of screen-time addiction and put many parents’ minds at ease.</p> <p>A ‘White list’ of apps could be given to Wriggle which could be loaded on to all students’ iPads.</p> 2. ‘Bring Your Own Device’ meaning that the practice of BYOD would be discontinued due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The additional problems caused by older devices - The lack of a technician to solve these problems - The lack of a Post of Responsibility to dedicate to this area - Delays in efficiency, during deployment, updates, security etc. - Wriggle’s new additional costs for the deployment of BYOD and the restrictions they place on the more complicated deployment <p>David then left the meeting.</p> <p>The following conversation related to the above and included questions re the price of iPads from Wriggle, the question of whether the Book Grant could be used for iPads for families in need or not and whether a fund could be established for this purpose or not.</p> <p>The Board decided to hold a vendor review every three years.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed re the loss of (paid-for) apps, in the case of a lockdown and, were that lock-down to be introduced in a staggered way, for a complicated tiered system to be in place.</p> <p>Having considered the issue in its entirety, the BOM decided to enable a full lock-down and to strive to eliminate BYOD for all future enroled students. The Draft Deployment and Management of Tablets was altered to reflect these changes.</p>
6	<p>Documents for discussion and ratification:</p> <p>Deployment and Management of Tablets Passed with significant alterations, to include all existing students in the lockdown and to insist on iPads being bought through Wriggle, until such time as the provider might change.</p> <p>Child Safeguarding Statement Passed with slight alterations</p> <p>ASD Class Enrolment Policy Passed with slight alterations</p> <p>Administration of Medicines Policy Passed with slight alterations</p> <p>School Attendance Statement Passed with slight alterations</p>
7	Anti-bullying Report
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	The number of referrals made since the last meeting were disclosed to the Board (following the students' departure)			
	Action Items	Responsible	Date Raised	Due Date
1	New reporting template to be developed for the meeting, including unique identifier codes.	COC	22/02/2018	22/03/2018
2	ASD Class Enrolment to begin ASAP	COC	22/02/2018	22/03/2018
Next Meeting: March 22nd at 7:30pm in Carrigaline ETNS				