



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Venue:	Goatstown ETSS, Churchtown
Date / Time:	February 1st 2023, 19:30; Goatstown ETSS Belfield Room
Attendance:	Jonathan Browner (Secretary) Ben Murray (Chairperson) Samantha Holman Finbarr Calally Moya Carey Mark Cookman Niamh Hyland Matt Quinn Kuba and Nu (Third Year students on behalf of the Student Council)
Apologies:	Louise Callaghan Suzin Staunton
Agenda 1	Minutes and Declaration of Interest
	Minutes were agreed and accepted. They were proposed by Niamh and seconded by Samantha. There were no declarations of interest. Matters Arising: There were no Matters Arising.
Agenda 2	Student Presentation
	Kuba and Nu (Third Year students) came to the meeting and presented to the Board on the draft Student Council Constitution. As part of the presentation the Board were taken through this initial version of the constitution and were offered details on the aim, organisation, and other governance structures of the Student Council body. The student reps asked for any advice or observations from the Board.

	As part of the discussion, board members suggested some clearer definitions could improve the document, for example definition of the role of the 'lead teacher' and clarity on the issues that would be discussed at Council meetings. The Board were unanimous in their praise for the detail and quality of the constitution and were happy to approve this document.
Agenda 3	Child Safeguarding and Protection
	The Board looked at a recent redacted file where CPOR matters were brought to the attention of the DLP and deemed by TULSA to not need follow up. The Board were reassured that all appropriate systems are in place and well managed.
Agenda 4	Health and Safety Report
	There were no matters to discuss under this agenda item.
Agenda 5	Building Report
	The Board were given an update on the plans for the temporary building on the site in Goatstown. The general sense is that there is some momentum here now, and there are much more positive lines of communication coming from the DE indicating that planning will be approved for this first phase.
Agenda 6	Finance Report
	A Finance sub-committee was held in advance of the full board meeting. Finbarr reported back to the Board that all was well with the finances and that the Board can be confident that all structures and processes are in place.
Agenda 7	Health and Safety Statement and Assistive Technology Policy
	<p>The Board were presented with an updated Health and Safety Statement for 2023. This was approved by the Board. The Board thanked the Goatstown ETSS staff for producing such a comprehensive document.</p> <p>The Assistive Technology Policy was also approved. This policy is concerned with students who may need to take their technological device home to assist in their study and homework.</p>

Agenda 8	PSA Report
	The PSA report included details on the upcoming Culture Night and the opportunity here for fund raising activities. At recent PSA meetings, the group have discussed the Parents Handbook, and a sub committee has been established to co-ordinate the feedback on the Anti-Bullying policy. The PSA at a recent meeting had a presentation on School Self Evaluation, and all parents are being asked for feedback on this SSE form.
Agenda 9	Principal's Report (Items not already discussed)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board were shown an updated version of the Parents Handbook; this, the Board agreed, is a super document, very professionally done and will be a great help to both new and existing parents and guardians. • Regarding the policy on payments for school trips that necessitate the hiring of a bus, the Board were happy to let the school manage this at a local level. • The report offered updates on the sports teams and their results so far; and offered details on the admissions numbers for the coming year.
Agenda 10	AOB
	Under AOB, there was a brief discussion on the roles of Boards and Board members, in light of the current challenges being faced by other boards across the country. The work and dedication of this Board was acknowledged, and the voluntary nature of their commitment noted.
Agenda 11	Agree Date & Time of next meeting
	Next meeting takes place on March 8th at 19:30 (online).