**St. Brendans PS Meeting of B.O.M Agreed report: Monday 15th April 2024**

Meeting began with a prayer from Chairperson.All were welcomed. Minutes of previous meetings were presented /read and were adopted without amendment. No conflicts of interest were expressed.

DES letter confirming increase in secretary hours per week. This came from principal email to ask DES to look at our Secretarial support through the new DES scale. Ita is delighted to accept and it will mean 90 mins per days extra support with no extra cost to the school.

SET allocation received for 24/25. Our school lost 2.5 hours per week as DES removed the gender allowance for all-boys school. We have 125 hours in place with 5 full time teachers and clustered with Sacred Heart Roscrea again next year for 10 hours.

Letters from LOFFA / DS Ireland and Epilepsy Ireland looking for school to do fundraisers and awareness days. BOM agreed that 1 day per year in enough and that we would go with Autism ( rainbow day ) this year and go with Epilepsy ( Purple day) for 24/25.

Letter from George Cunningham ( local Historian and Author) who has been approved to launch his new book – Written about John Feehan. John is a famous author and past pupil and we are delighted to host the launch on Friday 10th May at 7.30pm. George will also donate some books to the school on the night.

DES have approved summer programme ( 3 weeks) and DEIS literacy and numeracy summer camp ( 1 week ) at our school. These will take place from 6th -26th August.

Letter from Birr GAA outlining the 4 option packs for the Hurl and helmet scheme 2024.School are grateful to Offaly GAA and Birr GAA for their support in sharing the cost with the school.

BOM approved the draft policy- Whistleblowing (Protected Disclosures in the Workplace).

As part of Ethos dev the BOM discussed training scenarios. BOM members also viewed the video clip “ living our ethos” . Staff will view and conduct and ethos review before next BOM meeting.

Principal updated BOM on our SEN evaluation review document and planned communication with DES.

The In-school-Management team had submitted reports on their role / duties to the BOM. Principal thanked them for their support and their leadership displayed over the past year.

Principal and Chairperson updated BOM on additional ASD accommodation project and projected Tender completion date. Building works ( 12 months) to begin 24/25.

Principal gave report on day to day school activities including artist in school project finale, school enrolment and staffing circular, anti-bullying report, Child safeguarding oversight report. Treasurer’s report was presented with breakdown of grants paid and current a/c balance. Area of school books was discussed and BOM await details involved in this years grant.

Principal commended the VEX robotics team which won the offaly county event and came 3rd in the All-Irelands in Cork University. This was an amazing achievement for a DEIS boys school and great credit must go to Damien Cunningham and Michelle Makim for leading it in our school.

Thanks were expressed to all involved in supporting Confirmation preparation, artwork and ceremony on Saturday.

BOM members thanked for attending.