

**Agreed Report Board of Management Meeting
Tuesday 13-09-16**

Venue: Saint Brendan's College, Belmullet, Co. Mayo

Time: 16:45

Attendance: Teresa McGuire (Chairperson), Debbie Lavelle, Michael Hurst, Gerry Coyle, Michael Walshe (secretary), Ann Marie Allen (recording secretary).

Apologies: Rose Conway-Walsh, Paddy Naughton, Howard Treacy, Donna Sheridan.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Teresa McGuire and seconded by Gerry Coyle.

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

Sinead Muldoon on her U-14 team's All-Ireland victory.

Stephaine O Sullivan and Isabella Noone on the birth of their babies.

Michael Gallagher and all those involved in producing the school's Mayo 2016 video.

Rose Conway-Walsh on her appointment to the Seanad. A presentation was organised on behalf of the board.

Principals Report

The principal's report included the following items:

- There are presently 342 students enrolled in Saint Brendan's College. There were three transfers from Our Lady's Secondary School, with all students citing the excellent subject choice offered in Saint Brendan's as a primary factor in their decisions to apply for a transfer.
- Present 5th year students had the option of studying Agricultural Science with 8 students availing of the opportunity.
- All 5th year students are also timetabled for mindfulness once a week. We, at Saint Brendan's, are delighted to be one of the first schools in the country to introduce this subject onto the senior curriculum.
- The new timetable structure which sees all 40 minute classes on the timetable; 28 hours' tuition is in place in accordance with Dept. guidelines. This has resulted in 9 classes on 4 days and 6 classes on a Wednesday. This structure was what was agreed through meetings with Bus Eireann and Our Lady's Secondary School.
- This year, Leaving Certificate results were again of a high calibre with students achieving more than 550 points. Students received A1 grades in English, Chemistry and Engineering. Students have received fantastic support as always from Ms Padden our Career Guidance teacher, including aiding students in preparation for interviews for PLC courses and apprenticeships.

- Our TY coordinator is presently on maternity leave and this position has been taken up by Ms Muldoon and we wish her well in her new role. There are presently 55 students in Ty.
- All students receiving their Junior Cert. results have had an information safety session on how to celebrate their results in a positive and responsible way. This session was provided by Mr Pat Conway, the Gardai, Erris No Name Club and Mayo Mindspace.
- We have two visiting Spanish students as we continue our relationship with Midlands Language School.
- All staff and students took part in the making of a promotional video on Mayo day as Mayo prepares to take on Dublin in the All- Ireland. The staff would like to thank Mr Willie Joe Padden for taking part and to commend the students on the spirit in which they all took part.
- Instructional Leadership – three members of staff are to take part in the Instructional leadership course in Carlow.
- Microsoft Office 365 – Three members of staff will attend training in Microsoft Office 365 with a view to training all staff members in the use of the software.
- The Guidance Counsellor, Barbara Padden, was commended for her work in preparing students for SUSI, HEAR and DARE application

The annual review of the Child Protection Policy was conducted.

The Attendance and Punctuality Policy was updated to take into account the changes in class periods to 40 minutes. Proposed by Michael Hurst and seconded by Gerry Coyle.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 29th November 2016, at 5pm.