

Board Of Management Meeting

PRO Report

Date of Meeting	14-06-2020
Time	7.30p.m. – 8.30p.m.
Minutes taken by	Leo Duggan
Present	Elaine Casey, John Burns, Morgan Lahiffe, Tom Curran, Leo Duggan, Isla O'Dowd
Apologies	Martina McMurrough, Lorraine McCarthy

Matters Arising

The Board met on Sunday 14th June 2020 and discussed the following:

Summer Provision 2020

The Board was told that a number of parents had inquired about whether or not the school was running the Summer Provision 2020 in the school. The Board discussed this item, expressed concerns and came to the following conclusion:

- The Board was unhappy with the lack of protocols and procedures that have been mentioned in the Summer provision 2020 document. There is no protocol about the safe return to work mentioned in the document.
- It was stated many schools that previously have engaged with the programme will now not be able to due to the late announcement. Planning for this would usually begin around March.
- The Board spoke about the risks and concerns involved:
 1. No Health and Safety guidelines published
 2. Social distancing regulation advice for these children not mentioned
 3. Staffing levels not published
 4. Organisation of bus transport
 5. Cleaning of facilities
 6. Risks involved because many of the students that may partake in the programme may have underlying health conditions
- The Board expressed their willingness to support the families and children who are eligible for this programme.

Conclusion:

- Whilst the Board recognise the lack of protocols, the Board want to support the families of those children who would utilise the July provision programme and decided to go ahead with Summer Provision 2020 in Barefield N.S.
- The Board commended the teacher and the SNAs who put their names forward to undertake the programme.

- Certain protocols will have to be adhered to such as hand hygiene, using only one classroom and sensory rooms etc.
- Summer Provision pupils can only access Blossom and Bloom facilities and infant yard..
- This classroom will have to be cleaned and disinfected every day.
- The Board has suggested that the programme be run during the last two weeks of July.
- Due to current lack of guidelines from the Department of Education and the proposed late issuing of these guidelines, it is the prerogative/choice of parents to decide whether or not they wish to send their child to our Summer Provision.

Re-opening schools in September 2020...Brief Summary

- The plan seems to be to open school to all pupils if possible.
- Blended learning is inequitable.
- Large classes....highest class size in Europe
- Social distancing is a problem.
- If it remains it will create huge difficulties.
- 2m – 1 day in school per week.
- 1m – 1 ½ days per week.
- Covid-19 training to be given to staff but no mention of when
- Hand hygiene, extra cleaning and extra waste management.
- An education programme will be designed
- The focus on returning to school will be wellbeing
- We are awaiting further guidance to be issued in July