

Esker Educate Together Board of Management Minutes

Venue	Zoom
Date of Meeting	28 th March 2022
Minutes taken by	Tania Daly
Present	Angela McMurray Ciara McMackin Gemma Curry John Reilly Tania Daly Sandra Russe
Apologies	Damon Rogers Peter Murphy
Time meeting opened Time meeting closed	7.30pm 9.00pm
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Principal's Report <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer's report <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-bullying report <input type="checkbox"/> Children protection oversight report <input type="checkbox"/> RSE policy <input type="checkbox"/> Art policy <input type="checkbox"/> New building plans from Oppermann.

Topic	Detail/ decisions	Future actions
1. Minutes and matters arising	Wrong minutes attached after last meeting, correct ones were circulated after – apologies for this.	
2. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment noted. • Request from SNA for unpaid leave. • Requests from two teachers for EPV days in June. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Given the unusual circumstance of having banked hours this year we are in a position to allow these. • Extended maternity leave – approved. • Student Council – mascot funding support request. The BOM agrees to help bridge the gap between the amount raised and the amount required. • Letter from parent requesting child does not partake in song and dance for religious reasons. As both singing and dancing are part of the national curriculum the school has reached out to Educate Together head office for guidance. 	<p>Ciara to reply from Karlo in the student council regarding the mascot funding.</p> <p>Gemma to liaise with Educate Together head office regarding singing/ dancing participation.</p>
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>The BOM thanks Sandra for the significant amount of work involved in doing the accounts in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's report was read aloud. • Note: grants must be spent as close to receipt as possible. 	
4. Principal's Report	<p>Gemma read aloud the Principal's Report.</p> <p>Congratulations to all the staff on their incidental inspection</p>	
5. Anti-bullying oversight report	No cases of bullying to report.	

6. Children protection oversight report	<p>The principal read out the report. No allegations made against any member of staff.</p> <p>Redacted hard-copy of all reports are available for BOM members to review in principal's office.</p>	
7. RSE Policy	<p>Relationships and Sexuality Education. Stay Safe. Spiral Curriculum: means builds each year on what they learnt before, repeating many of the same themes but expanding the detail a little each year.</p> <p>Children learn in a scientific way about what will happen to their bodies at different times so they know what to expect. It is essential that children have the correct language from a child safe guarding perspective.</p> <p>The policy was revised to ensure information is delivered in a scientific, age appropriate, inclusive way without any religious influence – while remaining completely in line with the curriculum. It is also important to the school that we can ensure that staff have the resources to teach it in a consistent way using the slides and handouts.</p> <p>The BOM notes that other schools in the area do not run parent meetings. The slides and speaker notes will be shared with parents. They can also see the whole curriculum on PDST website.</p> <p>The policy was ratified.</p> <p>Commendations to Paula, Leah, Etaoin and Gemma on their work.</p>	Some small edits to the slide to be made after the meeting.
8. Art Policy	<p>Well done to Leah on this excellent policy. Policy ratified.</p>	
9. Minor Works Grant	<p>Improved phone lines required to improve communication channels with families. Not enough phone lines 7 existing phone lines plus 10 extra possible. BOM agreed that this is essential spend and the minor works grant is a suitable source of funding.</p>	Subcommittee of John and Gemma to review quotes and decide on system and supplier.
10. New building update	<p>Currently in Stage 1, despite excellent work from Oppermann. Delays from Department of Education. Key change: one less main teaching classroom, replaced with 3 special education rooms due to the severe shortage of these currently (a number of SET teachers are working with groups in corridors).</p> <p>Next stage: Department of Education need to approve the plans. Then it will go to the planning permission stage with the council.</p>	
11. Dates of next meetings	<p>Monday 23rd May.</p> <p>Monday 4th July (quorum required for approving staff appointments, exact date TBC).</p>	