BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Board of Management Agreed Report January 15th 2015

The Board of Management met for their 2nd meeting of the school year on January 15th 2015.

The Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland (ASTI) informed the Board of Management that all ASTI members were directed to take **strike action** on **Tuesday 22nd January**. Pickets were placed on all schools, colleges and education centres where Teachers Union Ireland (TUI) or ASTI members were employed on that day. As the Board of Management was not be in a position to discharge its responsibilities with regard to the care of students in its charge it requested that parents would not to send their son/daughter to school on that date. The Board of Management regretted that this course of action was necessary and has no wish to interrupt the education of students in this school.

The Principal reported on the very successful Christmas Fair, Literacy week, speech competition, and the progress of the creative arts engagement grants. An outline was also reported on very successful staff planning day on Mindfulness. The work of the Teaching and Learning committee in initiating the peer support program was also presented.

The Principal reported on job sharing applications, the bus driver recruitment process and on changes in sports personnel. Also reported on was the list of policies in place in the school and the last review date. It was agreed that the Health and Safety policy and the Code of Behaviour policy would be reviewed by the end of the academic year. The School Outings policy was approved the Board. Details of the Mindfulness Practice in Schools Conference on March 18th were also presented.

The Bursar presented an overview of budget projections and income collection and how the current budget is progressing well this year. An overview of Bursary applications and the history of school salary grant was also presented. The enrolment figures for September 2015 were also presented and were looking very positive.