



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Board of Management Agreed Report

April 23rd , 2015

The Board of Management met for their **4th meeting** of the school year on **April 23rd 2015**.

The Principal reported on the very successful launch of the New Senior Cycle Academy. The mission of our new Academy Programme is to empower our senior students to excel by providing exceptional personalised support for them in their academic career. The belief is that by focusing on the particular strengths and needs of each student, it will be possible to maximise his or her academic performance. As part of the programme each student will receive personalised mentoring and coaching. This will include extensive coaching sessions, a regular review process, personalized feedback, regular personalized mock exams, effective study timetables, extra tuition and mindfulness support.

The Irish week was very successful in engaging students in the Irish language. A summary was provide of projects funded by the Creative Arts Engagement grants. An outline was also given of student entries in SciFest and the recent successful French exchange trip. All teachers involved in supporting the events were thanked.

The Principal reported on job sharing applications, the catering recruitment process, the provision of leaving certificate support and career and guidance support. It was noted that the number of students interested in guidance support and leaving certificate was high. The musical for next year was discussed. An outline of the work being done by the marketing committee was also presented.

The Bursar was very pleased to report that financial affairs of the school were looking positive. With necessary prudence, the Bursar reported a satisfactory forecast for the current year and the budgets for next year were present. The enrolment numbers, provided by the Principal, continue to show a slight increase in numbers, which has been the trend for the past number of years.