



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Board of Management Agreed Report January 14th 2016

The Board of Management met for their **2nd meeting** of the school year on **January 14th 2016**.

Three members of the Board volunteered to participate in Child Protection Training Seminars taking place over the next few weeks.

The Principal reported on the successful Science and Literacy weeks. In particular the annual Speech competition was a great success with many brilliant speeches by students. Special thanks were given to all teachers involved. The Christmas Fair was very successful with a high attendance by parents and friends of the school. Special thanks were given to the parents who organised and ran the event. The Christmas Carol Service was another uplifting event attended by the primary and secondary schools. There has been great support and interest in the School Musical and it promises to be a fantastic display of our student's character and ability. The latest edition of the student school magazine was published before Christmas and is available on the school website. To develop leadership qualities in our students, 6th years attended a leadership course and 5th years attended a Craft a life Mission statement course with both very well received. As reported in the Irish Independent, in the year 2015 John Scottus had a 100% progression rate into third level. Good luck to all our graduates in their studies.

An overview was provided of the plan to review a number of policies in the next few months with the Admissions policy being the next one to review. The TY sub-committee is continuing its review of the TY program with parents and students being met shortly. An overview was also given on the new Senior Academy and the personalised mentoring programme in place. 6th year students have all being met individually by the Principal and the Senior Cycle Head getting advice on study techniques and study time-tables. Details of the next Mindfulness in Conference event was announced with the event taking place on Saturday April 16th in Townley Hall, Drogheda.

The Bursar presented an overview of last year with a healthy surplus reported. The financial forecast for the current year is very positive and a small surplus is expected.

The enrolment figures for September 2016 were also presented. There has been considerable number of enquiries and at least one class of 24 is expected.