



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Board of Management Agreed Report October 20th 2016

The Board of Management met for their **1st meeting** of the school year on **October 20th 2016**.

The membership of the Board of management was discussed and Ms. Maria Creaney (teacher representative) was formally welcomed to the Board.

A report was provided on refurbishment on the buildings over the summer. In particular the staffroom for teachers has been completely redesigned and renovated. The feedback from teachers has been very positive.

The Principal reported on the successful anti-bullying and Maths weeks. The Founders trip to Larch Hill was well received with very positive feedback from students. The study skills seminar for both students and parents was also very well received. The Principal also congratulated the Junior Certificate students on their excellent results: 20 % of all grades were A's. 87% of all grades were an A, B or C. 86% of papers were at the higher level, well above the national average.

The principal also report on the Leaving Certificate results of 2016 and congratulated all students for achieving excellent results in their Leaving Certificate exams. Some of the highlights included 46% of students in higher level Maths getting an A1, 50% of students in higher level Physics getting an A1 and 100% of students in higher level Art and Music getting either an A or B. In addition: 27 % of students got more than 500 points, with two students getting 595 points, 55 % of students got more than 400 points and 82 % of students got more than 350 points. A particular mention was made of two students who both got 595 points. A special thanks was also given to teachers who provided them with expert guidance and support.

The Principal reported on the teaching staff who have joined since the summer. It was noted how quickly they had become key members of the school staff with their dedication, enthusiasm and high standards.

The ASTI industrial action was discussed, and the decision was to not to open for students on that day. The Board of Management regrets that this course of action is necessary as the Board of Management have no wish to interrupt the education of students in this school. In addition the decision was made to have a normal school day on Nov 7th when the withdrawal of supervision and substitution by ASTI members begin.

The Bursar presented an overview of last year with a small surplus being expected. The enrolment figures for September 2016 were also presented and the financial forecast for the current year is very positive and a small surplus is expected.

The Data protection policy, Crisis response policy and Attendance strategy were discussed and final versions are being circulated for approval.