



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Board of Management Agreed Report

Oct 21st 2019

The Board of Management met for their **1st meeting** of the school year on **October 21st 2019**.

The membership of the Board of management was discussed and two new members of the board were formally welcomed to the Board. Stephen Jordan is the new Trustee nominee replacing Michael Spratt and Ting Ting Grace is the teacher representative.

The Principal reported on the high interested expressed at the recent Open Days with over 350 people visiting. School community events such as the Founders day trip to Larch Hill, Start of year church service and Numeracy week were well received with very positive feedback from students. It was noted the students had responded very enthusiastically to many extra-curricular clubs on offer and formal thanks was given by Board to the various teachers involved in setting up these extra-curricular clubs.

The principal also reported on the Leaving Certificate results of 2019 and congratulated all students for achieving excellent results in their Leaving Certificate exams. 45 % of students achieved 455 points or more. Over the past 4 years, 80 % of students have been offered level 8 courses. A special thanks was also given to teachers who provided them with expert guidance and support.

Staff changes and changes in posts of responsibility were reviewed. Various proposals such as a scholarship programme for 5th and 6th years, offering additional subjects in 5th and 6th year after school and offering free transport to nearest footpath were discussed. The recent SEN inspection was reviewed and it was reported that the initial feedback was very positive. The feedback from the parent survey was presented and discussed in the light of strategic planning for the school.

The Bursar presented an overview of last year and the financial forecast for the current year was provided. School fees were discussed and will be reviewed at next Board meeting

Recommendations from the Transport sub-committee were discussed and it was agreed that the decision on the transport costs for parents would be decided at the next meeting.