

Community College

CDETb in partnership with Educate Together

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Agreed Report of meeting held by Board of Management for Clonturk Community College Tuesday 28th February 2017

Present: Ms. Anne Phelan
Ms. Susan Campbell
Ms Helen Watters
Ms. Corinne O'Toole
Mr. Mark Grehan
Mr. Bryan McDonald
Mr. Eoin Shaughnessy
Mr. Stephen McCarthy

1. School Calendar:

- End of Term 17th February marked by Library Launch and Class Award.
- Parent Teacher Meeting – 7th March
- Incoming 1st Year Information Evening – 15th March 7pm
- Vaccinations – 5th April

2. SSE/School Planning – Priorities

- Admissions Policy to be completed and to incorporate Transfer Policy. The Board will adhere to the DES Circular Letter M02/95 which strictly limits repeat students.
- Healthy Lifestyle Policy ratified by the Board.
- School currently drafting up SEN Policy
- Literacy Strategies will focus around development of Library and Book Club. Many thanks to the efforts of Helen H our English teacher and her class.
- Accommodation/Facilities.

3. Learning and Teaching

- Teachers Exhibiting Magenta Principles for other teachers
- Community Guard Visited re Internet Safety
- Options – Setting of Subjects for 1st years ongoing and almost complete.
- Curriculum Planning for 2017/2018 – Allocation – Curricular Concessions – Taster Subjects
- Use of Office 365 as a Virtual Learning Platform progressed – Corinne presented to the Board
- Planning has begun for Seachtaine na Gaeilge – Ceili organised.

4. Continued Professional Development

All staff continue to engage with CPD. The following is a selection of courses/training completed this month:

- 7th Feb Junior cycle Cluster Day
- Teachers Training on Office 365 after school 9th February
- 3 staff Members – Magenta Principles Session 2
- Apple Interactive Training – Thursday 16th
- Working with Students with ASD

5. Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular

- 17 students in recognition of their student of the month awards were brought on a hill walking expedition on Maulin Mountain (Powerscourt waterfall) Wicklow. Students learned about Mountain Climbing and Orienteering.
- We took part in the first ladies Olympic Handball competition in Inchicore. Narrowly losing to Ringsend College.
- Our boys soccer team were defeated in the FAI u14 schools in Castleknock by Cholaiste Eoin. We are still in the competition and have another game to play.
- The Rising Cup, Competition organised for other Start up Educate together schools went ahead and was a huge success. Four schools attended with each school entering a Boys and girls soccer team. Both our teams topped their respective groups. The Gaelic football & Basketball tournaments have yet to be played with the basketball organised for the 31st March.
- Our baking club is up and running with Anna our Home Ec teacher, students are also working on an Art wall with Our Art teacher Helen Ginley.

- The school library officially opened on the 17th of April. Each student took part in organising the launch with book and poetry recitals taking place before-hand. A massive thank you to Dublin City Libraries for donating 22 boxes of books to the school library.
- Our CSPE department applied for the development education passport grant. This brings a holistic approach to learning (cross-curricular links) and helps students realise the importance of sustainable living in the 21st century.
- The Sky Sports living for sport competition is kicking off soon. A free initiative to secondary schools that uses sports stars and skills learnt through sport to build confidence and develop life skills. The programme will be particularly aimed at students developing peer relationships. Our mentor Caradh O Donovan will be coming to the school on Wednesday the 27th of April. She is a European Gold Medallist, Double Irish Open Gold Medallist, World Championships Bronze Medallist in Kickboxing. She will be talking to a group of chosen students on the importance of sport in our daily lives. The students will get sky t-shirts and they will also be organising an event for other students.
- Friends for life programme has begun within the school today during student enrichment.
- Helen Hynes is going to set up a drama club and Helen Ginley is entering our students into the annual ETB art Competition in Cabra.

6. A.O.B.

There have been requests for a “School Trip” to be organised so the Board have agreed that we go ahead and assess the level of interest in a School Trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre. This will be a two day event at a cost of €160 per student. The student council have suggested a fundraiser for the trip. The cost of the bus is very high but the adventure centre is one of the most cost-effective. In keeping with DES guidelines a School Trips Policy has been drafted and in keeping with guidelines the Adventure Centre is fully licensed and staff to student ratios will be above the recommendation.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7pm.