

Clonturk PGTA – Notes of Meeting held on 1st October 2020

Present: Ann, Averil, Kate G (teacher) Kate H (A/Vice Principal), Barry, Darren (teacher), June, Conor, Ger (BOM), Martha, Esme, Nuala

Board of Management Update (Report) – Ger Brady

- The BOM extends its thanks to the Staff of Clonturk CC for the safe reopening of the school and the warm welcome all students have received on their return.
- The BOM wish to congratulate two students, Alan McGowan for his Art work which now is positioned at the new First Year Entrance, and separately Angelina McDonald for winning the school bake off competition.
- The BOM received an insight into the Teaching and Learning in Clonturk CC. The BOM want to thank the Teaching and Learning Committee for their presentation to them.
- The BOM would like to commend the student council for working on a new cycle to work initiative and thank them for applying to Dublin city council for additional bike racks. In addition, they extend the best of luck to the Student Council for the year ahead.
- The BOM discussed and adopted the following Policies:
 - Guidance Plan / Policy
 - Code of Positive Behaviour
 - Learning and Language Policy
 - Procedures for Applications for Exemption from the Study of Irish
- The BOM discussed admissions for 2021 2022. The BOM agreed that the number of places available for 2021 2022 first year would be set at 161. An Admission Notice was approved for publication and the Admission Policy was further ratified for publication.
- The BOM thanked all the staff and PGTA for supporting the Principal in preparing the school building for reopening. In addition they welcomed the reading of the PGTA agreed report to the BOM and have request that the PGTA have the BOM report read out at their meetings in return.
- The BOM thank the buildings subcommittee for their ongoing work.

School Update – Kate (H), Kate (G), Darren

- Kate (H) thanks the PGTA for the donation of flowers and planters.
- The Mail on Sunday recently did an article on Clonturk Community College on how they are adapting to Covid 19 and hosting outdoor classes etc.
- I.T. issues – most have now been resolved
- Studen Council are currently reviewing the school dress code, this is involves consultation with the students of Clonturk.
- Code of Behaviour is currently under review.
- Facility to pay school fees online is now operational and details were included in last update from Wesleyh
- Unfortunately under the current Dept. of Education guidelines the school/teachers can't facility extra curriculum activity.
- TY Focus Ireland sleep out fundraiser will now be held virtually and a TY penalty shoot-out took place today to raise funds.
- Passing of Robyn Smyth RIP (TY student) – a memorial for Robyn will take place in the school on Friday and will include, songs, poems, readings and a presentation to Robyn's family. A tree and plaque will be planted in memory of Robyn.
- Ventilation – air conditioning has now been fixed, the system does not use re-circulated air.
- Weight of books – Books are to be left at home and workbooks can remain in school, students should only have copies and Ipads in their schoolbags.

- Purchasing of Books going forward – Query regarding was the purchasing of books for 1st and 5th years a trail or new policy going forward. A It was noted that blended learning was discussed by the BOM.
- Rainy Days – Facilitating “air/outside breaks”. Students can stay in the class with no mask on for 15 minutes only. If students want to go outside they must be wearing appropriate clothing.
- Mask/Visors – Students who can’t wear masks and/or visors must have a written medical exemption.
- 2020/21 1st year intake will be 161 students spread across 5/6 classes.
- There are currently 7 rooms in the school under-utilised (including specialist rooms). The Dept. of Education (DOE) will only consider applications for new schools when building is at maximum capacity and all rooms are filled.

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- Survey has been completed, new school on projection of future students. DOE thought school capacity would be 300 and not 1,000 approx. This has now been clarified.
- School year 2022/23 there will be less capacity for 1st year intake.
- #BuildClonturk will take time, in the interim they may need planning permission to retain temporary building and build further on the space. Query re skipping an intake year and is there a plan to host 1,000 students in prefabs. Clarity is required.
- Public campaign is due to commence.

2020/21 AGM

- Provisional date set for 22nd October 2020.
- AGM will be held virtually – weblink to be included in next newsletter/email to parents/guardians.

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