



Woodstock ETNS Board of Management Minutes

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| Venue | Woodstock ETNS | | |
| Date of Meeting | 07/03/23 | | |
| Minutes taken by | Yvonne Healy | | |
| Apologies | Chris Walsh | | |
| Present | Nicola Martin, Anne Gregory, Michelle McDermott, Yvonne Healy, Alan Moran, Linda Norman | | |
| Time Meeting Opened | 7:30pm | Closed | 9:00pm |

Chairperson Welcome:

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and ratified.

Principal Report:

Anti-Bullying & Child Protection PCOR – There are no Bullying or Child protection issues within the school.

Treasurer Report:

The board discussed the possibility of using Aladdin for payments from parents etc.

Awaiting prices from providers AIB & Elavon.

Also discussed the option of using SumUp- May be an option in the future, but not at this time.

Accounts have been filed.

The board wishes to thank our Treasurer Michelle McDermott for all her time and effort on this matter.

School Business:

Communication between Parents, the PA and the School must be done through official channels. The contacting of Teachers or BoM members through personal email, social media etc, for school matters is not acceptable.

The Board invited the Chairperson of the PA, Adam, to join the meeting to discuss the issue. All communications going forward will be by official channels only.

This will avoid any confusion or misinformation between parents and the school.

The board is committed to supporting the PA in its continued efforts to make our school a thriving and vibrant learning environment for all students.

A Policy regarding Communication Channels will be distributed.

The Board also discussed the issue of Early morning drop off: Due to increased numbers of students in the yard, Free play can no longer be facilitated. This extra 10 mins. is not mandatory school time and up to the discretion of the Principal.

This is a Health & Safety issue. Alternatives will be trialed over the coming weeks/months.

We are still awaiting the installation of sanitary bins in the school. Follow up needed.

A fire drill was carried out by Grainne and all went well.

The termly Inspection of the Fire Panel to be arranged.

Policy Updates:**Homework Policy: Reviewed & ratified.**

There was an Official Google Docs Survey taken by the school in relation to Homework. This arose from communications from some parents regarding the abolition of homework. The Survey found that the majority of parents are in favor of keeping homework.

An updated Homework policy has been circulated to all parents.

Digital Devices Policy: Reviewed & ratified.

The use of digital devices (smart watches, phones, tablets etc.) in school by students is prohibited. This is to protect all students from accidental/unauthorized images or videos being taken without consent.

An updated Digital devices policy has been circulated to all parents.

Chairperson Updates:

Details of the change of Board of Management – Re-constitution 1st December 23 were given.

No further update on the New school building at this time.

A.O.B:

St. Patrick's Day celebrations. The theme this year is 'Out of this world'.

The PA are taking the lead on the festivities and the Board are happy to support this.

The BoM wishes to thank Grainne and Linda & Nicola for their amazing dedication to last year's parade. This year the PAC will take the lead.

A Craft Camp will be held in the school during the Easter Break. The school are delighted to facilitate this.

Date for Next BoM Meeting:

24th April 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.00pm