



Stratford College Board of Management Agreed Report

Monday 18 February 2019 at 6.30pm

The Board of Management met for its fourth meeting on Monday 18 February 2019.

The Principal reported on development work in the area of **Well Being and Digital Learning**. Several BOM members attended the presentation to parents on Digital Learning and proposals to manage equality of access for all students. Overall it was agreed that the BOM has a social contract with parents and that charges for managed IT services would break that contract and value for money was debatable. It was recommended the school would try to bridge the equity of access gap by providing some tablets in addition to a major upgrade of IT in the school.

There was some discussion about externally provided workshops to support **Student Welfare**. These were communicated with parents beforehand and references sought. The feedback from staff and students was very positive.

A **Critical Incident Policy** was approved. An outline of the work involved was included and the template document and resources from the National Educational Psychologists Service (NEPS) was acknowledged. It was further noted that no policy could encompass all the features that may need to be addressed in the event of something happening but it would give a starting point to key stakeholders in our school community.

There was some discussion about the recent **Admissions Act**. As only some sections of this Bill have commenced it was agreed the BOM would await further advice on how to proceed.

The BOM expressed its satisfaction with such positive **enrolment numbers** and waiting lists for the next three years.

It was also very pleased to note a number of staff appointments over the last year **to middle management posts of responsibility**. The new system of appointments and the commitments entered into would benefit the day to day operations of the school in a very positive way.

It was hoped that the PA would progress the matter of the **Parent Student Charter** particularly in light of its engagement in it two years ago.

The Chair of the BOM recommended the **annual audited accounts** for approval. These showed a modest surplus which was reinvested in the school facilities last summer. The Finance Committee were committed to presenting this information to parents in a transparent way as soon as the accounts were finalised.



Child Protection

The BOM Oversight Safeguarding Risk Assessment Report February 2019 was approved and the new Inspection Model and the role of the BOM was explained.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

~~Monday 15 October 2018 (Incoming BOM)~~

~~Monday 26 November 2018 (followed by meeting with the PA and Student Council)~~

~~Monday 18 February 2019~~

Monday 8 April 2019

Monday 27 May 2019