



Stratford College Board of Management AGREED REPORT

Monday 31 March 2021 at 6.30 pm

The Board of Management met for its fourth meeting of the academic year on Monday 31 March 2021.

The BOM began the meeting by making **a small presentation to Cormac Murphy who had served the BOM with distinction for the last 9 Years**. A new BOM would be established in October 2021 following the end of this BOM's term of office.

Representatives from Dublin Talmud Torah, current and past BOMs, staff, Student Council and current and past members of the PA along with Cormac's family attended and joined in the speeches.

The meeting opened with short moment of reflection on the very sad loss of one of our past pupils **Gabriel Messam (2018)** who died suddenly and the sympathies of the meeting were expressed to the Messam Family.

Mr Alan Green, Chair of our **patron body**, Dublin Talmud Torah said the following.

.....Slowly and purposefully you and Patricia have developed a detailed school plan and a financial plan for each of the last nine years as well as a rolling five year development plan. We have all seen the benefits of the plan through enrolment and demand for places being at a very high level, leading edge education, upgraded buildings and a cohesive approach to bringing the school forward at the same time being inclusive with all the stakeholders be they staff, pupils parents or trustees.

It is interesting to note that over the last 12 months we have heard such positive feedback on the schools remote learning approach. At the same time we have been a school that has shown itself to be compassionate kind and comforting when needed.

Over the years you have brought great honour, credit and recognition to the school. In addition our good name and reputation in which we place so much store and has been enhanced and for that we are appreciative and grateful.

Now that this chapter is coming to an end, we would like to wish you well for the future. You will always have a part in the history of the College. Your leadership and dedication over the last nine years has been exemplary and on behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank you so much for your attention, your willingness to give of your time and for your vision which has brought Stratford College to where it is today.

Thank you very much.....

Following the presentation the the BOM was delighted to receive updates including **Anti Bullying, Distance Teaching and Learning and Well being.**

The BOM commended and thanked **Ms Helen O’Kelly** for her report to the BOM on its investment in our school’s **Digital Strategy** over the last 9 years and more recently. Ms O’Kelly’s expertise and BOM investment had stood us in good stead during the Covid 19 pandemic.

The BOM also noted core functions and projects are on-going in addition to a large number of additional projects each with its own process to deliver & communicate ie alternative arrangements for state exams, reopening(S), covid response plan, e-learning, remote meetings etc. The BOM expressed its appreciation of the additional work for all involved.

The BOM noted the **Child Protection Oversight Report.**

Financial Report

The Finance Committee was finalising its **summer works schedule.**

Next year’s budget with reference to its projected enrolment would be brought to the BOM for approval in May.

As there was no other business the BOM adjourned.

Dates of BOM Meetings

Monday 21 September 2020

Thursday 8 October 2020 (PA AGM, Student Council & BOM) @ 7pm

Monday 30 November 2020

Monday 8 February 2021

Monday 31 March 2021

Monday 24 May 2021