

Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community June 2023

David Lane, RIP

The Board wishes to acknowledge the death of Mr David Lane on 3rd June 2023. David was a greatly valued past teacher and guidance counsellor in Newpark, who retired in 2003. The Board extends its sincere condolences to Ms Louisa Lane, David's wife and also a past teacher in the School, and to David's children, Johanna, Tim and Andrew. May he rest in peace.

Relationship & Behaviour Policy

A minor review was conducted, and updates were adopted to the policy, predominantly due to changes in the management information system and in the *Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy*. A more substantive review of the policy is to be initiated in the near term. The Board approved the policy, and it will be published on the School website.

Development of School Plan

The Board reviewed the Development of School Plan 2022 – 2027 and the related progress update for the 2022/2023 academic year. Along with the development of the *Mission Statement*, this plan was a recommendation within the WSE-MLL report of March 2020. The Board approved the Development of School Plan and welcomed the progress reported on for 2022/2023.

State Examinations, 2023

Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle examinations are underway in the School and the Board acknowledges all those involved in the successful administration of these exams. The Board wishes all students well in their examinations and hopes that all students who have prepared for examinations will be deservedly rewarded for their hard work.

Whole School Assembly & Prize Giving, 2023

The Board acknowledged the success of the end of year Whole School Assembly and Prize Giving held on 17th May 2023. Appreciation was expressed to the parent and grandparent of the head girl and to the parents of the head boy for presenting the academic and extracurricular prizes on the day. It was also noted that the 4th year and 6th year graduation services were held successfully in the GPA this term on the 25th and 23rd May respectively. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by students, parents/guardians and teachers alike. The Board wishes to extend its appreciation to all members of staff involved in the organisation and support of these important school events.

Prefects, 2023/2024

The prefects for the forthcoming academic year were announced at the Whole School Assembly and will shortly be updated on the School website. For 2023/2024 the Head Girl is Amelia Lloyd, the Head Boy is Jake Sweeney, the Deputy Head Girl is Charlotte Wride, and the Deputy Head Boy is

Oliver Gordon. The Board wishes the heads, deputy heads and all prefects well in their contribution to the School for the forthcoming academic year.

Retirements

The Board wishes Ms Margaret O'Connor well in retirement and acknowledges the commitment and service of Ms O'Connor to the School in her role as Special Needs Assistant over the past twenty years.

Mr Robert Grier announced his intention to step down as Chairperson of the Board of Management, as and from 31st August 2023. Mr Grier joined the Board of Management in September 2000 and has served as Chairperson since 2013. He has been steadfast in his commitment to the School and the Board wishes to express its deepest appreciation for Mr Grier's enormous contribution both to the Board and to the School over this time. The Most Reverend Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, also takes this opportunity to thank Mr Grier for his service and commitment to the School and to note that his contribution not only to Newpark Comprehensive School, but to education across the dioceses has been invaluable to the Archbishop in his role as Patron. Mr Grier's successor as Chairperson of the Board of Management will be announced in due course.

Department of Education circular letters since the last meeting of the Board:

0018/2023

[Special Needs Assistant Allocation 2023/24](#)

0023/2023

[Scheme for the Award of Incremental Credit to Post Primary Teachers who have prior service as a Youthreach Resource Person or a Youthreach Co-ordinator](#)

0024/2023

[Home Tuition Grant Scheme 2023/2024 Special Education Component](#)

0025/2023

[Voluntary Search and Rescue Leave for Registered Teachers employed in Recognised Primary and Post Primary Schools](#)

0026/2023

[Recruitment of Special Needs Assistants \(SNAs\) - Supplementary Assignment Arrangements for the 2023/2024 school year](#)

0027/2023

[NQF Level 9 Graduate Diploma in Social Personal and Health Education/Relationships and Sexuality Education \(SPHE/RSE\) Programme 2024](#)

0028/2023

[Arrangements for the implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to the school year 2023/2024.](#)

Information Note TC/IN 0002/2023

[Amendment to the Job Sharing Scheme for Special Needs Assistants employed in Recognised Primary and Post Primary Schools](#)

Information Note TC/IN 0003/2023

[Amendment to the Secondment Scheme for Registered Teachers employed in Recognised Primary and Post Primary Schools](#)

Information Note TC/IN 0004/2023

[COVID-19: Changes to Special Leave with Pay from 22nd May 2023 for Teachers and Special Needs Assistants employed in recognised Primary and Post Primary Schools](#)

Circular S24/2023

[Leaving Certificate: Continuation of the RACE Scheme to provide a deferred examination series](#)

Circular S37/2023

[AURAL TESTS AT THE LEAVING AND JUNIOR CYCLE EXAMINATIONS](#)

Circular S43/2023

[RACE SCHEME: OPERATION FOR 2023 and APPLICATION DATES FOR 2024](#)

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