

Agreed Report BOM

10th December 2015

Principal reported on the following:

Staff Changes

I would like to wish Ms Lorraine Hussey well on her maternity leave and welcome Ms Catherine Pinneau, French teacher to the staff. I would also like to welcome Mr James Gallagher our new Guidance Counsellor. I wish both teachers well in their new positions and hope they enjoy their time with us in Coláiste Iascaigh.

Staff Development

Our English teachers Mr Dunlea, Ms Cawley (SEN) have attended in service for the New Junior Cycle English Curriculum. Other in service included T4 in service for our DCG teachers Mr Coggins and Mr Kilfeather. Ms Karen Cawley attended Child Protection training. The senior management team received in service from Mr Waldron PDST on the introduction of Transition Year.

School Activities

Student Council – Student council elections were held in the school and we would like to congratulate the following students who have been elected to the student council for 2015-2016. **1st Year** Cian Kenny, Leanne Kavanagh, **2nd Year** Shane Scott, Shauna Weir, **3rd Years** Dylan Wall, Selina Weir, **4th Years** Andrew Kilcullen, Leanne Taylor, **5th Year** Shane Kilgannon, Ruby Knibb, **LCA** Jonathon Queenan.

Launch of school website by Micheál Martin - On Friday 6th November Fianna Fail leader Micheál Martin visited our school. During his visit he took questions from our Student Council members, and launched our new school website. Some of the new features on our Website include: A bullying reporting tool, a designated parent's area and student's area, and a teaching and learning area for students to access more information on their subjects. We have also included a new twitter feed to provide real time updates on school activities. We encourage all our school community to follow us on twitter. Should someone require information about our school, we have included an informative video clip on the home page and also an online prospectus. We also have a feeder Primary schools area. Currently we are running a 3rd and 4th class competition for all the primary schools in our area. Simply visit www.colaiasteiascaigh.ie for more details. Mr Thomas Coggins is the driving force behind the website and is commended for his continued hard work in this area.

Math's Week 2015 in Colaiste Iascaigh - Colaiste Iascaigh students took part once again in Math's Week Ireland from the 12th -16th October. The Math's Department organised a number of activities for each of our year groups. We had puzzle competitions, quizzes, Sudoku, Countdown, Algebra Bingo and the Mangahigh online challenge. We also organised a poster competition where students had to show numeracy at work in another subject they were doing. The response from students was very positive and a number of students won prizes during the week. Many numeracy skills were improved during this week including mental arithmetic and problem solving. The online challenge enabled teachers to set specific challenges related to the curriculum, so many topics we were doing were reinforced in a fun way. Thank you to Ms Sandra Carey, Ms Aideen O Shaughnessy and Ms Dayna Byrne for organising such a successful week. Congratulations to the following winning students:

Mangahigh: Sarah Kelly, Ciara Murphy, Amy Browne. **Poster Event:** 1st: Leanne Kavanagh, 2nd: Ciara Connolly, 3rd: Eanna McGowan **1st Year Quiz:** Amy Browne, Colm Breen, Ciara Connolly **2nd Year Quiz:** Eanna McGowan, Laura Conway, Dylan Crean, Thomas Cawley **3rd Year Puzzles:** Fenian Clarke, Gavin Connolly, Shannon McNamara, Siobhan Lang **4th Year Bingo:** Sean Hallinan, Ronan Molloy, Megan Clarke/ Eabha McGowan Katie Lang/Leanne Taylor, Farnan Kilgannon **LCA:** Brandon Kupczak, Daniel Rolston **5th Year Puzzles:** Joe Mchugh, Oisin Connolly .

Christmas Flower Demonstration - Sr. Fionnuala Keveny will host the annual Christmas Flower Demonstration in Colaiste Iascaigh on Thursday 3rd December at 8 p.m. This is organised every year by our attendant Ms Mary Lyons who is commended for organising such a well attended and successful event each year.

Student Enterprise Awards - 2nd Year Business Studies students supported by their teacher Ms Dayna Byrne, are well under way on their mini companies for the Student Enterprise Awards. There are two mini companies in total and with some great ideas. The students are showing a real flair for enterprise and there are some budding entrepreneurs among them. They have completed their market research and most companies hope to have the products on sale by the end of November.

Colaiste Iascaigh's partnership with Aurivo - We are very happy to announce that Aurivo will be partnering with our school again this year as part of a Business in the Community initiative. All 4th year student's will be taking part in this programme that will help to prepare them for the working world. The programme consists of a site visit to Aurivo, CV and Interview workshops, mock Interviews and a team-building workshop. We look forward to a very successful year. We would like to thank Ms Dayna Byrne for her continued hard work and support of this successful partnership.

School bank - The school bank will be open once a month every month for the rest of the school year. It will take place in room 7 from 1.30-1.50pm. This was a very successful initiative in the school and is organised by Business teacher Ms Dayna Byrne.

Sport

County Sports - On Thursday 22nd of October Colaiste Iascaigh students participated in the annual County Sports in the I.T. Sports Grounds. At all levels our students proved themselves to be competitive and successful, bringing home numerous trophies and medals. Congratulations to all involved and many thanks to Grange Post Primary school who organised the event.

Senior Boys Football - The Colaiste Iascaigh Senior boy's team is still in the Connacht D senior championship after a win last week against St Brendans, Belmullet by a score line of 5-6 to 3-8, which puts them in the last sixteen of the competition and await confirmation of their next fixture.

Unfortunately the senior boys are out of the Connacht D senior league after recording a 6 point loss to St. Joseph's CC Charlestown and a great one point win against Swinford by a score line of 1-11 to 2-7. Charlestown topped the group and therefore proceeded to the quarter finals.

Also, the senior boys recorded two defeats in the Sligo Championship in mid September to a Summerhill 2nd team and Jesus and Mary, Enniscrone which meant they would proceed no further in the competition.

Juvenile Boys football - The Colaiste Iascaigh Juvenile boy's team is out of the Connacht C league after recording one win against Colaiste Mhuire Ballymote and two losses to Coola P.P.S. and St Joseph's Foxford.

Fortunately, the Colaiste Iascaigh U-14 squad is still in the Sligo/Leitrim post primary league after recording two wins against Summerhill College and Jesus and Mary Enniscrone back in September and await confirmation of future fixtures.

(There is no Juvenile C Connacht Championship.)

Senior Girls football - The Senior girls team lost to Enniscrone and were awarded points for their match against Ballisodare which was cancelled. This means they go through to the next round.

The Principal would like to thank Mr Thomas Doyle, Mr Garryowen McMahon and Mr Padraic Gibson for their continued hard work and support of football in the school.

School Development

On Tuesday 17th November Mr Tony Weir from DES visited the school for a meeting in relation to the Application for Additional Accommodation. Anne Taaffe Buildings Officer and Mr Shaun Purcell CE were also in attendance. Mr Weir firstly went through all documentation which had previously been submitted and the Principal presented him with up to date figures in relation to enrolment projection etc. Mr Weir then asked for a tour of the school, during which he took photographs and asked questions. His response on the day seemed positive.

Finance

Principal reported that the budget was healthy and a sum of money would be carried forward into the new year. This was due to savings made during the last school year. This money will be used to support the purchase of tablets for teachers, a new photocopier, technology updates and the painting of the outside of the school.

The following policies were ratified by the board;

- **Code of Behaviour**
- **Child Protection + Annual Report**
- **Anti-Bullying + Annual Report**

Injured and non-playing Players for Sport

The Board discussed trips to away games for injured and non-playing players.. The Board agreed that these students can only travel if a parent accompanies their child to away matches.