

SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD

KILLARD HOUSE SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

2014/15

MEMBER SHIP OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Nominated by the Department Education	Mr W Lambe Mr M Cafolla
Elected by Parents	Mrs D Ellesmere (Vice Chair) Mrs A Lansdell
Elected by Teachers	Mrs E Brown
Secretary	Mr C Millar (Principal)

The term of office for the current Board of Governors will end in 2018.

FUNCTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Governors, as a group, work together in partnership with the principal and staff to ensure the highest standards of care and education for your children. They have particular responsibilities in relation to the curriculum, the appointment of staff, financial management, pastoral care, building and maintenance and community links. The Board of Governors meet on a regular basis to deal with all of the above issues. During the 2014/15 school year Governors attended a full Board meeting on 5 occasions. Members also attended subcommittee meetings.

Building Work and Maintenance

During the year the SEELB Maintenance Officers were contacted about the following issues

1. Damp in Yr12 room- no money available to repair
 2. Uneven floor in Art Suit- repaired
- Other projects have had to be put on hold due to limited funds available in the SEELB Budget

CURRICULUM MATTERS

Pupils had a busy year completing a wide variety of tasks in line with the requirements of the Northern Ireland Revised Curriculum.

Teachers continued to review and develop selected areas of the planning, teaching strategies and materials used, to ensure that the pupils continue to have challenging and effective learning experiences.

The Board of Governors and staff also worked on the following priorities from the School Development Plan.

- Develop teacher planning to reflect focused teaching and learning targets □ Review IEP format
- Review and update Numeracy Policy and current practice
- Review and develop a battery of Diagnostic Tests to assist in the delivery of focused targets and Individualised Learning Programmes.

Staff also participated in training courses run by the

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE RATE

Our percentage attendance rate for the 2014/2015 school year was 92.8%. Thanks go to our parents for the major role they play in helping us achieve such a good attendance rate.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

During 2014-15 the teaching staff and classroom assistants continued the high quality of teaching and teaching support which is synonymous with Killard House School.

The quality of work within the classrooms was of a high standard, classroom displays were relevant to current or recent tasks and all work across the school showed evidence of addressing the three cross curricular areas- Using ICT, Numeracy and Communication.

In Summer 2014 our Year 12 class was successful in a number of externally accredited exams:

Exam	First Skills	Entry Level 1	Entry Level 2	Entry Level 3	GCSE Level 1	GCSE Level 2
Mathematics for Life (CEA)				13		
Essential Skills Literacy (CEA)		1	8	3		
Art & Design (CEA)			5	8		
XL Cert. in Personal Development				13		
Occupational studies (CEA)	1				6	6
Using ICT (OCR)				13		

The grades achieved reflect the high quality of work carried out by the teaching staff involved and is evidence of the high standard of work which our pupils produced.

We are expecting an equally high level of pupil achievement for summer 2015.

As a result of on-going consultation during 2014-15 there have been a number of changes to the KS4 accreditation portfolio:

Exam changes for 2015/16

We have widened our accreditation offer to include a wide range of units in the OCR Entry Level Life and Living Skills programme and a Travel Training course offered by the National Open College Network (NOCN).

Pupils will complete units in the Communication skills area of study in the Life and Living Skills programme. This will replace the Essential Skills Literacy course; they will also complete units in the Home Management and World of Work skill areas.

The OCR Using ICT course will now be offered solely to our Year 11 students.

In Year 12 pupils will follow an accredited course in Travel Training offered by the National Open College Network (NOCN). Our Year 12 pupils will once again go to SERC one day a week .

CAREERS EDUCATION

A comprehensive careers programme was offered to school leavers. As part of the transition programme Killard pupils were involved with a range of support agencies; the Careers Service, SEELB Transitions Service and Mencap. An integral part of the transition from school to the world of work involved all pupils in Year 12 taking part in one week's work experience. Parents of pupils in years 10,11 and 12 were invited to attend a post 16 Options Morning. This gave parents the opportunity to become aware of the variety of choices available and to engage with representatives from a number of training and support providers. Yr 12 pupils also have a Life Skills Programme delivered during the month of May where they focus on different essential life skills. These skills include

Travel training

First Aid Drug Awareness

Cooking

Personal Banking and many more

COMMUNITY LINKS

We continued our involvement with the local community in the usual variety of ways.

School and class groups undertook a wide range of educational visits and trips with groups visiting Crawfordsburn, Stormont Buildings, Ballywalter Beach, the Linen Museum, Bangor Castle Heritage Centre, Fire Station, Mount Stewart, Bloomfield Shopping Centre any many more.

Pupils also participated in a range of sports competitions and activities. Coaches for number of sports delivered courses in school. Sporting Activities

Inter School Competitions

Primary 5 a side (Runners Up)

DSNI New Age Kurling

Dance Festival

DSNI Bocia

Girls Badminton (Runners Up)

Boys Badminton (Winners)

DSNI Sports Hall Athletics

Boys Swimming Gala(Third) Girls'

Swimming Gala (Third)

Tag Rugby- Cougars

All KS1 take part in Fundamental Movement Skills Programme

Mason McClure (Yr12) and James Boyce (Yr12) were selected for the NI U19 MLD Squad.

School assemblies were supported by some local clergy and other organisations (PCI and Methodist Youth Workers)

New School Patron Scheme has been established . Local business as well as supporting the school financially will become involved in supporting the Real life Education Programme by visiting the

school to give workshops and talks and hosting pupils on both work experience and class visits to their particular businesses. Current Patrons include ;

Donaghadee Garden Centre
Co op Donaghadee
Bank of Ireland (Bangor branch)
Bow Bells
Home sweet Home
Regency Cars Newtownards
Stove Yard
Rainey's Chip Shop
Rahman Family

STAFF

TRAINING

Killard House values the continuing development of the staff skills and expertise . Throughout the year the following training sessions have been undertaken by the relevant staff. This continual professional development ensures that the highest quality of teaching and learning occurs within the learning environment.

Staff Well Being and Managing Stress
Essential Skills –Number
Team Teach Tutor re- accreditation
KS3 Writing
Using ICT
Agreement Trials
Numeracy Co- ordinator training
Level 1 Football coaching
Exams Officer
VP Conference
3 day First Aid Course
Travel Training
Helping Hands
CP DDT Training
XL Assessment Training
Family Planning Just Ask Programme
Digital Music
Moderation
KS3 Maths Task Writing Group
Epipen Training
Attachment Disorder Training
Child Protection Training

Mrs Davey (Art Teacher) was appointed to the role of Chief KS3 Art Moderator at CEA

Killard continued its important role as a training organisation with students from Stranmillis University College, Queen's University and the South Eastern Regional College and local Secondary and Grammar school students completing placements .Local school links include

Regent House
Glenlola
Bangor Academy
Bloomfield and many more

FINANCE

The Board of Governors continued to manage a range of financial matters relating to Killard House School under the terms of the South Eastern Education and Library Board's Limited Financial Delegation Scheme. While the South Eastern Education & Library Board continue to have

responsibility for the costs related to staffing the Board of Governors manage the finance for the following:

Fuel, lighting, water and cleaning materials and equipment
Internal maintenance and grounds maintenance
Furniture & Fittings – purchase and repair
Books & Equipment
Transport
Administration (printing, postage , telephones etc)

Earmarked funding for Link Courses and staff training were also received.

Under the partially delegated scheme Killard House School received a budget of £72,000 for Resources as the BOG did not sign off the initial budget . No maintenance budget was notified as the Governors had asked for clarification of initial budget allocation as they disputed the amount being allocated.

Allocated Resource Budget	£72,000.00
Actual Resource Spend	£ 64,080.00
Balance	£7,920.00
Extended Schools Allocation	£18925.00
Extended Schools Spend	£18925.00 Extended
Schools Balance	£0.00

In addition to our partially delegated budget essential finance is provided through our school fund. We depend on this to fund our many visits and activities and to also complete projects such as out our play equipment and Ipads

The Governors greatly appreciate the high degree of parental support in providing this very necessary financial help and would remind parents that all of the pupils in school benefit from these contributions.

The Governors are very appreciative of different donations made by individuals and groups which will be used to enhance the Teaching and Learning.

The Governors are very grateful to the Riley family who through the sale of sporting memorabilia raised a staggering £1,100.00. This donation was used to purchase a School Defibrillator and staff training.

Mrs Williams and her colleagues at Thriving Life Church raised £400.00 for the school from a coffee morning held in their church halls.

Tyler Fulton's Great Grandmother (£200) and Kingsmill Bread (£100) for their very kind donations for Chillax Youth Club.

Post 16 Bid

The school made a bid for a Sixth Form to be located in Killard to provide a further two years of Life Skills for pupils. The bid has successfully passed Stage 1 and is out for further consultation at the request of the Education Authority.