

Camross N.S. Board of Management Annual Report 2017

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CAMROSS N.S.

Board of Management 2017

Chairperson	–	Kathleen Maher
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Secretary	–	Talitha Horan
Teacher Rep	–	Jackie Meagher
Parent Reps	–	Fran Dowling
		Ann Cuddy
Community Reps	–	Aidan Hynes
		Fintan Scully

School Ethos

The school community participated in the following
 Beginning of year Mass
 Feast of the Epiphany Mass
 St Brigid's Day Mass
 Ash Wednesday Mass
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
 Confessions (3rd – 6th)
 First Confession (2nd)
 Grandparents Day & 1916 Commemoration Mass
 First Communion and sacrament preparations (2nd)
 End of year graduation Mass
 Classes 2nd – 6th attend weekly mass at different times throughout the year. The BoM would like to thank Fr Lalor, Patsy Ryan, Patricia Kilmartin, the choir, FÁS and the Parish Council for their hard work and continued support.

Building Works and Maintenance

New furniture was purchased. Two overhead projectors were replaced. Notice Boards were purchased for display around the school. Minor wear and tear issues were addressed as and when they arose.

Staffing 2016 - 2017

Ms Horan (Principal and Learning Support)
 Ms Cordial (Deputy Principal and Junior and Senior Infants)
 Mr Meagher (5th & 6th class)
 Mrs Fuller (Senior Infants and 1st class)
 Ms Gilligan/Ms Nolan (3rd & 4th class)
 Ms Barron (2nd class)
 Mr Phelan (Shared resource teacher with Killanure N.S. and Castletown P.S.)
 Sadie McCartney (SNA)
 Breda Doran (Secretary)
 Marian Delaney (Caretaker)

Ms Talitha Horan – Designated Liaison Person (Child Protection)
 Ms Betty Cordial – Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Child Protection)

Signed: Kathleen Maher Chairperson BoM
 Date: 18th of October 2017

Policy Development

The BoM worked on the following policies during 2016 – 2017

- Physical Education
- Health Promotion
- Book Rental
- Annual review of Anti- Bullying policy
- Annual review of Child Protection policy

Thank you to all the members of the school community, who contributed to this work.

School Improvement & Development

We earned their 5th Green Flag for biodiversity, thank you to Ms Barron and Ms Cordial for leading this initiative. We were awarded our 1st Active Flag this school year. We became a Health Promoting school this school year, thanks to Mr. Meagher for leading these initiatives. Camross N.S. were designated a Discovery Primary Science and Maths school in June 2017, thanks to Ms Barron for leading this initiative. Well done to all involved.

Parent Association

The B.O.M. would like to thank our hardworking, dedicated P.A. for their continued support, fundraising efforts and commitment to Camross N.S. Throughout the year they have organised bag packs, fun runs, Halloween disco, Santa visit, as well as organising refreshments for Pancake Tuesday, Grandparents day, First Communion. The Parents Council also provided funding towards buses for swimming and school tours as well as funding of school resources. Thank you to all concerned.

Curricular Development

Our School Improvement Plans for Literacy and Numeracy are available to view on our website on www.camrossns.ie Paired reading continues between the I.C.A. Ladies and with junior classes on a weekly basis. A big thank you to the ladies for their support. The Stay Safe programme was taught in all classes this school year. PDST support was sought in Gaeilge to help develop and promote a positive attitude to Gaeilge across the school community. Standardised testing for 3rd – 6th classes in gaeilge was introduced this school year.

Achievements/Events

The school entered 4 hurling/camogie teams in Cumann na mBunscol competitions, with one boys and girls team representing the school in the finals. The school also took part in the following initiatives & events, Write A Book, numerous art competitions, INTO Handwriting competition, swimming classes, INTO skills days, Slieve Bloom Storytelling Festival, GAA blitz, GAA lift & strike skills day, GAA half time exhibition games, Agri Aware, 5km Fun Run, nature walks, school tours, hurling league, Christmas Concert, Birdwatch Ireland, Shoebox appeal. Thanks to all involved.