

Camross N.S. Board of Management Annual Report

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CAMROSS N.S.

Board of Management 2018

Chairperson	-	Kathleen Maher
Patrons Rep	-	Fr. John Lalor
Treasurer	-	Ann Cuddy
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

- Blessing of year Mass
- St. Brigid's Day Mass
- Ash Wednesday Mass
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
- Confessions (3rd - 6th)
- First Confession (2nd)
- Confirmation (5th 6th)
- Grandparents Day and Europe Day Prayer Service
- 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. One overhead projector was replaced. Notice Boards were purchased for display around the school. Minor wear and tear issues were addressed as and when they arose. New carpet and painting of rooms.

Staffing 2017 - 2018

Ms Horan (Principal and 3rd and 4th)
Ms Cordial (Deputy Principal and Junior & Senior Infants)
Mr Meagher (Assistant Principal II and 5th & 6th class)
Mrs Fuller (Senior Infants and 1st class)
Ms Gilligan/Ms Barron (2nd class)
Ms Kirwan (Special Education Teacher)
Mr Phelan (Special Education teacher shared with Killanure N.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: 13th of June 2018

Policy Development

The BoM worked on the following policies during 2017 - 2018

- Physical Education
- Gaeilge
- Child Safeguarding Statement
- Risk Assessment
- Health Promoting Schools

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

School Improvement & Development

We earned our first Blue Star Certificate and Flag for our work on the European Movement Programme. We were awarded an A.C.E. certificate for our work as a Health Promoting school this school year, thanks to Mr. Meagher for leading this initiative. Camross N.S. was awarded our second plaque for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in June 2018. Well done to all involved.

Parents' 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, school calendar, Halloween cinema, Santa's visit, as well as organising refreshments for Pancake Tuesday, Grandparents day, Europe Day, First Communion and Confirmation. The Parents Council also provided funding towards buses for swimming and school tours as well as funding of school resources. Thank you to all

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 Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme was taught in all classes this school year. PDST support was sought in P.E. and in particular Fundamental Movement Skills.

Achievements/Events

The school entered 4 hurling/camogie teams in Cumann na mBunscol competitions, with the two boys teams 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, GAA blitz, GAA lift & strike skills day, GAA half time exhibition games, Sow and Grow, 5km Fun Run, nature walks, school tours, hurling leagues, Christmas Concert, Birdwatch Ireland, Shoebox appeal. Thanks to all involved.