

## **Report of the Board of Management on its Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The following is a report of the Board of Management of Oberstown Children Detention Campus, which took place on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

- The Chair informed the Board of Fiona Murphy's resignation from the Board of Management and acknowledged her contribution and service to Oberstown Children Detention Campus.
- The Chair invited Sean O'Driscoll, of Athru, to attend the Board meeting to give a detailed presentation of the strategic planning process, including feedback from focus groups with staff. It was highlighted that the work of the Review Implementation Group will be integrated into the Strategic Plan so all core objectives and actions are captured in one document for 2017-2020.
- The monthly report from Drury PN, Oberstown's communications partner, was provided and the activity discussed.
- The Education Strategy and Draft Education Protocol items were not considered due to tight time constraints and deferred to the next meeting of the Board.
- The Director reported that six young people will sit the Junior Intermediate Certificate exams starting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The Chair acknowledged this was a great accomplishment for both the young people and teachers involved. A presentation ceremony for young people that achieved QQI Awards will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June in the School with invited guests from Senior representatives from IYJS, Board Members, Neighbours and staff.
- The High Court judgment involving Oberstown has been postponed and the Board will be notified of a new date when available.
- The Director met with Prof Harry Kennedy, where Prof Kennedy acknowledged his commitment to allocate further resources to campus and also seeks to evolve the service further. The Board was advised that there is currently no drugs counsellor on Campus. However, an assurance was provided from the Tusla representative on the Board that there will be no diminishing of service on the Campus and that plans are being put in place to strengthen the services provided by ACTS.
- A preliminary report has been received from the Behavioural Management reviewers. The Chair and Director will meet with the reviewers to clarify some matters with the expectation that the final report will be submitted by the end of June 2017.
- The "Building the Future" event took place on 29<sup>th</sup> May in Smock Alley. The Chair highlighted the positive message communicated was well received and deliberated on the challenges facing the campus along with the progress it has made in 1 year on. A thank you was extended to the organising committee for the smooth running of the event.
- A discussion on the sequence of events from 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 where two YP absconded from campus. A frank discussion took place about the challenges posed and the significant learnings to be achieved. A full investigation from the Gardaí is underway.

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