**SKERRIES ETNS BOM Minutes**

**Date:** 18th of November 2021

**Time:** 7:15pm

**Place:** Zoom

**In attendance:** Conor, Ash, Shay, Sheelagh, Geoff, Ellie

**Apologies**: SM, RY

1. **Minutes of previous meetings:**

* Conor read the minutes of the last meeting
* Matters arising: A staff member’s leave approved until the end of December

1. **Correspondence:**

* Peninsula have been in touch with the school requesting payment for Year 2 of the contract. They have informed us that we are obliged to pay for this service even though we advised them we wished to opt out and only have a one-year contract in September 2020. It is felt that the company have not provided the school with a great service, and we do not wish to continue with them. In addition, we are not able to pay for this service. Conor asked the Board for advice on this, and it was suggested that Conor writes to them explaining that we are a DEIS school and outlining the issues we have had with the service and how little money we have as a result of loss of income due to Covid.

1. **Principal’s Report:**

* See attached.
* Conor has since received the Inspection report and will circulate this shortly to all Board members.
* CM was appointed following a successful interview on the 20th of September.
* Staff Lunch: Conor requested that the Board subsidize an end of term lunch for all staff. This is especially warranted this year owing to the cancellation of the staff Christmas party. It was agreed that this would be the final time the Board was in a position to do this due to finances. The Board thanked the staff for their hard work.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

* See attached.
* The board accepted the accounts.
* Ellie was asked to find out about a furniture grant for the new ASD classroom.

1. **Anti-Bullying Update**

* This policy has been ratified and disseminated amongst staff
* Staff would like further clarification/training on the process
* Conor outlined a situation of alleged perceived bullying within the school which was thoroughly investigated. It resulted in 4 children leaving the school

1. **ASD extension project update**

* See report
* This item needs to be kept on the agenda and meaningful timelines needs to be created

1. **Agreed Report**

* Staff names

1. **CPOR**

* No report given

1. **Date of Next Meeting:**

* Thursday 16th December at 10.30am at SETNS (CPOR)
* Thursday 20th January at 7.15pm on zoom