

Spiritan Education Trust

Minutes of the Education Committee of the Board of Directors, 12th June 2018

Directors Attending Ms. Siobhan Corry(Chair), Ms. Caroline Lundy, Sr. Eithne Woulfe

In Attendance Tom Sheridan.

The meeting commenced with a short reflection.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Terms of Reference:

The terms of reference were revisited and agreed. (Draft attached)

Admissions Bill:

There was a long discussion around the challenges facing schools in terms of admission and especially in relation to current waiting lists. It was noted that schools may face legal challenges where they depart from these lists.

Parents making multiple applications create significant problems for schools as student numbers realised in September can be very different from those anticipated in June. This can have implications for engagement of teachers, class sizes, subject availability and timetabling.

A central applications office as per university access is already used in some parts of the country on a local basis. While this system will address many of the above issues it depends to a large degree on local trust and co-operation.

The Admissions Bill is currently at stage 5 and is subject to further revision. It is anticipated that it will be ready by the Autumn and that the committee will consider it then in the light of further revisions.

Other areas of Interest:

The Chair suggested that the committee will give its attention to the below areas .

- The place of R.E in the new junior Cert.
- The new Leaving Cert.

The Chair asked the secretary to arrange a meeting for early in September.

