



Spiritan Executive Team report June 2018

Clondalkin initiative

James Docherty (Principal Willow Park) and Barry Leonard (Dep Principal St. Marys Senior) both met with the Principal of Talbot School to discuss and plan initiatives with the Talbot School involving teachers and students from the Spiritan school community.

Archives

Work is continuing on the filing of the historical documents and an archival list has been sent to the Chair. This should facilitate the efficient retrieval of any information required. All files are clearly labelled in chronological order and file titles/locations are also recorded in soft copies. Further work will be done on this over the Sumer period.

Chaplaincy

We still have no further correspondence from the Congregation about Spiritan member being involved in School Chaplaincy for next year. Currently I've been in correspondence with St. Mary's Senior School about this ongoing situation as we look to the next term.

Ronan is to meet with the Loreto Faith Development officer in the coming week to see if there is any collaborative initiative we can develop in the coming months for all our school chaplains.

St. Michael's

While St. Michael's were not able to support any outreach programme through staff provision at this time, they have decided to financially support us and have pledged 10,000 Euro every year for the next three years. I will formally thank the board as soon as I receive official confirmation and have already expressed our gratitude to the Chair of St. Michael's, Brian Cannon.

Bursaries

A range of bursaries have been advertised to staff members of Spiritan Schools wishing to undertake academic programme in 2018 – 2019 relating to the Spiritan School Ethos including theology, chaplaincy, development education and other related fields.

New Boards

The Executive Officer is now able to provide a of recommended people to sit on our new boards. Many very fine people volunteered for board membership and the people now being proposed bring a range of talent and experience as well as a genuine commitment to our Spiritan Ethos. There is no doubt that they will be a huge support to our schools and principals.

Development Education

We have completed our reporting to WWGS for 2017-2018 and submitted our budget to World Wise Global School for funding for 2018-2019.

Grainne O'Neill will take leave from her contract in the forthcoming year. We are currently seeking a replacement for her work as the Development Education School liaison officer.

HFCS

The executive officer attending the graduation Mass for HFSC which was celebrated by Rev Noel Redmond C.S.Sp. who has sat on the school board since its established, 36 years ago!

In the Footsteps of the Founders Initiative

We have 20 people from our school community signed up for the 4 days in Paris following the footsteps of our founders.

Retreat Programme

We have agreement from all the schools on retreat dates for the forth coming academic year. We will need to recruit new members to the team as some will not be available for next year. This process is ongoing.

Newsletter

The Summer Newsletter was published by the executive and was well received by all with lots of contributions from our schools pointing to the varied activities engaged in by all of our students and teachers.

Formation/training

Further to previous proposals, Ronan has approached the Spiritan Mission Animation Ireland office about providing training to people who are interested in furthering their understanding the Spiritan charism as part of a leadership programme. This engagement was received positively and a further discussion will take place over the coming months. The intention here is for a province-led programme which SET can support and engage. This proposal could be a valuable resource for Teacher formation, BOM inductions, New School Management induction, ongoing formation, etc.

Resources for schools.

The SIFM will produce new resources for the forthcoming academic year under the theme “let your spirit shine’.

2018-19

Engagement with other trusts has been ongoing over the last month in preparation for a number of joint projects: the Middle Leader Programme, D.P. Conference and Primary Conference.