

**Report on Minutes of Education Finance Board**  
**14<sup>th</sup> July, 2008**

Date	Topic	Decision
14.7.08	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2008</b>	Approved
	<p><b>Matters arising from Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ It was reported that the annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control was still under review.</li> <li>➤ It was agreed to put a hold on applications from former residents and their relatives who may have become former residents after 5<sup>th</sup> June 2002 until matters had been clarified regarding schools listed in the Schedule to the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002: Appendix 1 of the Residential Institutions Redress at 2002; Appendix 2 (Additional Institutions) Order 2004 and Appendix 3 (Additional Institutions) Order 2005. It was also agreed to ask for an up-to-date list of the institutions covered by the legislation.</li> <li>➤ The application to the Ombudsman on behalf of a client is still in process.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Letter received from the Standards in Public Office Commission with notification of the list of designated directors and employees who have annual disclosure obligations in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001.</p>	Noted
	<p><b>Approvals, Appeals and Queries</b></p> <p>There were 101 approvals in respect of 95 applicants to a total value of €83,702.41. The Board also approved 2 applications under reasonable expectation to the value of €4,553.27. The breakdown of the approvals is as follows: former resident 25 (24.75%); child 55 (54.46%); grandchild 16 (15.84%); spouse 4 (3.96%); stepchild 1 (0.99%). The country analysis is: Ireland 77 (76.24%); UK 16 (15.84%); Jersey 1 (0.99%); Austria 1 (0.99%); Australia 3 (2.97%); Sweden 3 (2.97%).</p> <p>The next approvals meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008.</p> <p>Queries, appeals and reasonable expectations were processed.</p>	
	<p><b>Criteria 2007</b></p> <p><b>Advertising/Information Campaign</b></p> <p>A summary report was given on meetings with former resident support groups, outreach services UK and the Federation of Irish Societies.</p> <p><b>Review of Criteria</b></p> <p>A number of amendments to the criteria to take effect from 1.9.08 were agreed. These related mainly to upward adjustments in the overall and other limits for former residents and their relatives together with specific references to numeracy and to distance education.</p>	Noted.
	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2007 were approved subject to no material change.</p> <p>Following discussion on commitments for 2007 it was agreed that the office would look at some way of presenting these at each meeting for administration purposes.</p> <p>NTMA Report: The total Fund value on 30/6/08 was €7,864,221.91.</p> <p>CDVEC Financial Statement of Education Finance Board to June 2008.</p> <p>There was no request from CDVEC for a draw-down from the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA).</p>	<p>Approved.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
	<p><b>IT and Communication Requirements</b></p> <p>Quotation for printing 250 copies of the Annual Report .</p> <p>It was agreed that a Board member would study a voice maintenance proposal and report back to the Board at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Relevant information was reported to the Board in relation to recent meetings between the Department of Education and Science and support groups.</p>	Noted

	The Chairperson undertook to consult with the Department of Education and Science in relation to expenses and allowances to Board members. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Board.	Agreed
	<b>Next meeting of EFB scheduled tentatively for 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.</b>	