

**Report on Minutes of Education Finance Board  
20<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**

Date	Topic	Decision
20.5.10	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were adopted.</p>	
	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b> The Board was informed that the Chairperson of the Women's Survivor Support Network had not visited the Board during her last trip to Ireland due to time constraints but that she hoped to have a briefing on the Criteria for Awarding Grants 2009 on another occasion. It was agreed that members of the Board would arrange a suitable date to meet with former residents in London.</p>	
	<p><b>Notification of Motions</b> No Notices of Motions were received for this meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>Correspondence</b> It was agreed that the issues raised in the email addressed to the Department of Education and Skills from the Alliance Support Group – and copied to the EFB – would be considered as a part of the review of the Criteria for Awarding Grants 2009.</p> <p>It was agreed that the content of the letter from the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General would be communicated to the Department of Education and Skills.</p>	
	<p><b>Approvals, Appeals and Queries</b> There were 141 approvals in respect of 132 applications to a total value of €118,579.07. The breakdown of the approvals is as follows: former resident 31 (21.99%); child 63 (44.68%); grandchild 41 (29.07%); spouse 5 (3.55%); stepchild 1 (0.71%). The country analysis is: Ireland 121 (85.82%); UK 20 (14.18%)</p>	
	<p><b>Criteria</b> The Board agreed that a review of the Criteria for Awarding Grants 2009 would take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June. A possible new format for the application form was presented to the Board and it was agreed that a copy of the form would be sent to every member of the Board for their comments in preparation for the review of the Criteria.</p>	
	<p><b>Publicity</b> It was agreed that the Secretary of the Board would contact the organisers of the International Survivors Conference Family Weekend for more information.</p>	
	<p><b>Finance</b> The Board was presented with the quarterly management accounts for the period January – March 2010, as had been discussed at the Finance Committee meeting that morning.</p> <p>The Board was advised that in future the Finance Committee would monitor advances to align them with the expenditure patterns of the Board.</p> <p>The Board's attention was also drawn to the Finance Committee's ongoing work on the review of internal financial control. The Board agreed that the quarterly management accounts were in order and were a true reflection of the work of the Board.</p>	

	<p><b>NTMA Report:</b> The total Fund value on 30.4.10 was €4,055,521.53. There was no request for a draw-down from the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) to CDVEC. City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (CDVEC) Financial Statement to April 2010.</p> <p>The Chairperson reported to the Board that the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General had requested a meeting with him for a preliminary discussion in relation to a wider report which would form part of the 2009 Report of the C&amp;AG. He circulated the documentation received and stated that he expected to receive a formal communication on the matter at a future date which he would bring to the attention of the Board.</p> <p>The Chairperson also informed the Board that the C&amp;AG was also in the process of completing the annual audit of the Board.</p>	<p>Noted Noted  Noted  Noted</p>
	<p><b>Staffing</b> The Board was advised that the securing of a room closer to the EFB to enable former residents to make an appointment to speak with the staff was in process. The initiation of a counsellor as a mediator in cases where there was an issue with an application is also in process.</p>	
	<p><b>AOB</b> As it was the first anniversary of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse - the Judge Ryan Report - the Board reflected on the past year and expressed a desire that the Report would continue to give rise to debate and reflection in order to protect the vulnerable in our society.</p>	
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 commencing at 13.30 and 24<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 10.00 a.m.</p>	