



Board of Management Meeting

29.01.24

Agreed Report.

- A. This was the first meeting of the Board of Management 2023-27 since being constituted last month. The new Board is comprised of:
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| Mary Curley | Chairperson & Patron's Nominee |
| David Deighan | Patron's Nominee & Finance Committee |
| Gareth Heagney | Principal & Secretary |
| Siobhán Crowe | Teacher/ Staff Nominee, Recording Secretary & School Leasing Committee |
| Carmel Cronin | Community Nominee & Treasurer/ Chair of Finance Committee |
| Keith Walker | Community Nominee & Facilities Committee |
| Aoife Keogh | Parents' Nominee & Health & Safety Committee |
| Paul Fitzpatrick | Parents' Nominee & Facilities Committee |
- B. The 'Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2023- 27' was presented and discussed. Board members are not delegates of their electorates. They do not either report back to their electors or take instructions from them on how to vote at board meetings. Such reporting may be a breach of confidentiality requirements. It is essential that personnel, financial and personal matters are dealt with in line with relevant confidentiality requirements. An agreed report will be published and shared with the school community following each Board meeting.
- C. The Chairperson will act as correspondent for the Board and may nominate the principal to act as correspondent where necessary.
- D. The school is required to implement the Department of Education's Child Safeguarding/ Protection Procedures and measures are in place for same. The Child Safeguarding Statement is reviewed annually.
- E. The Child Protection Oversight and Anti-Bullying Reports were presented to the Board.
- F. Significant parking and traffic congestion issues arise at dismissal times when post-primary/ 3rd level hurling games take place in the GAA pitch across the road. Correspondence has been sent to the competition organisers highlighting the issues.



- G. The school will continue to participate in the OGP Frameworks for electricity and gas.
- H. Photovoltaic Solar Panels are to be installed later in the year under the Department's PV programme.
- I. Well-Being Promotion has been selected as the priority area for School Self-Evaluation (SSE). A School Improvement Plan has been developed by the school's Well-Being Promotion Committee and will be soon published for the school community.
- J. A Finance Committee has been established and the school lotto is an essential source of finance. The Board appreciates all who support the lotto.
- K. A Health & Safety Committee has been established to assist the Board in meeting its legal responsibilities.
- L. The period for consultation on a policy re job-share and career break leave has been extended until later in the year.
- M. The Board understands the potential the school facilities offer the local community and will continue to explore partnerships with local organisations who wish to use the school building/ grounds.
- N. The school's accounts have been certified in accordance with the relevant Department of Education requirements and will be circulated to the school community shortly.
- O. Thanks to all involved in the recent Poker Classic for Cairdeas and the Peace Proms.
- P. Preparations are ongoing for the introduction of the Hot Meals scheme for all pupils after Easter.
- Q. A new supplier for hygiene supplies has been selected.
- R. The school marked Catholic Schools Week this month.
- S. All Board members will attend Board of Management training beginning in April.
- T. The extra-curricular calendar for terms 2 and 3 will include the following for selected classes: Basketball; Camogie; Hurling; FAI 5-a-side soccer; Badminton; Choir – Peace Proms; Band/ Music

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Scoil Naomh Finnachta,
Droichead Aðhann Uí gCearnaigh,
Co. an Chláir

Group; Féile na hInse; Coding – Lego We Do.

U. Upgrades to the school's IT infrastructure are planned subject to receipt of the long-awaited IT grant.

On behalf of the Board of Management, Sixmilebridge N.S.