St. Finnachta's National School,
Sixmilebridge,
Co. Clare

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Agreed Reports

The Agreed Report is a summary of the main points discussed and agreed upon at each ordinary Board of Management meeting.

It is intended to keep the school community informed about the discussions, and actions decided upon at the latest meeting of the school's BoM. It is not intended to be an exhaustive account of the meeting and sensitive information is omitted from Agreed Reports.

Each Agreed Report will be published following each BoM meeting on the school's website.

Board of Management Meeting

14.11.24

Agreed Report.

A. Board members recently undertook training in relation to Child Protection (Safeguarding).

B. Following consultation with the school community, and discussion by Board members, the annual reviews of the following policies were completed. These were approved for implementation with immediate effect:
   - Child Safeguarding Statement
   - Anti-Bullying Policy

C. Preparation is underway to introduce the new Bí Cineálta Procedures for Preventing & Addressing Bullying Behaviour from September 2025.

D. Milo Keane has been appointed to the vacant Assistant Principal (AP1) role.

E. The Admission Statement for September 2025 is being prepared. Once completed and published, the application portal will be opened on the school website.

F. The school's financial difficulties were highlighted again. Inadequate funding and the costs of running a large building were cited as the primary reasons for the difficulties. Nevertheless, some cost savings can be made, and cost-saving measures will be urgently implemented by the Finance Sub-Committee.

G. It was agreed that a robust approach to fundraising is required and must be actioned. The Lotto will remain as the school's fundraising anchor and must be developed. The Finance Subcommittee will review other sources of income before September 2025.

H. The Board noted that, while there was some good news for primary education in the Government's Budget 2025, the Board was very disappointed that it did not include any commitment to reducing class sizes. This would have an impact on the school's teacher numbers for September 2025.

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