

Report of Board of Management Meeting: 12th June 2025

Present: Madeline O'Connell, Jacinta Freeman; Deirdre Callanan; Margaret Larkin; Eileen Ryan; Amanda Soares; Lil Bruen; Sr Mary Corr; Sean O'Mainnín;

Apologies: Teresa Silke, Nora Fahy; Jarlath Burke

Madeline welcomed everyone to the meeting. In Jarlath's absence, Margaret agreed to act as recording secretary for the meeting.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 15th May were ratified following an amendment to the second last line of the minutes.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising. Items mentioned for update will be discussed under separate agenda items.

Finance Committee Report:

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Amanda Soares and was ratified by the Board. Checks and balances were conducted by the committee in line with the FSSU checklist and everything was found to be satisfactory. A summary monthly I&E report for the year ending 30th May was included in members packs for their perusal.

The draft budget for the 2025-2026 academic year was examined and discussed. Following clarification in some areas, the budget was accepted following proposal and seconding. This will be uploaded to the Surf accounts package following the meeting and forwarded to the trustees and DoE.

On Amanda's final time presenting the Finance report, Madeline thanked her for her work on this committee over the past two terms. Amanda expressed her gratitude to the Board for their support over the past six years.

Correspondence:

Eileen Ryan updated the Board on Dept of Education and ACCS circulars and bulletins, including the allocation of SNAs for the coming academic year; Approach and key measures to support the Forward Planning for Special Education Provision for the 2026/2027 school year and beyond; ICT grant and the Publication of the new Child Protection procedures

2025. Eileen gave a short synopsis of the changes and amendments to the existing procedures.

Parental and Parents leave requests were granted and ratified.

BLAST 2025/2026 has been received and was welcomed.

A letter from the TUI regarding the Summer leave entitlements of senior management was brought to the Board.

Report of Selection Committee:

Following interviews held on Friday 6th June 2025, the following recommendations were made and brought to the Board:

Science, Maths and Biology: Niamh Duignan

English and Geography: Sarah Moore

The appointments were then ratified.

Demense pitch update:

A letter for the trustees has been prepared and will be signed by the Chairperson for forwarding to the relevant contacts after the meeting. No further correspondence has been received.

Emergency Works / Summer Works scheme applications:

An application has been made to the DoE under the EWS for a replacement boiler. We await a decision.

A meeting is taking place on Monday 16th June with the consultant and contractor to agree a work schedule for the remedial works to the roof, under the EWS.

Quotes have been received for the completion of the technical report for the SWS2026 scheme and O'Gorman surveyors have been tasked with completing this.

Policy Review: Bí Cineálta Policy:

Following discussion, the new Anti-bullying policy – Bí Cineálta, was ratified. Those present complimented all involved in the very comprehensive document.

Principal's Report:

A report on the following was given by Eileen Ryan:

Teaching and Learning – Interviews for additional API and APII posts will be held upon our return to school for the new academic year..

HR – A report of payments claimed on OLCS for substitution and part time hours was provided.

Buildings and Facilities – The Board was given an update on refurbishment works which will take place over the summer including the old PLC room into a mainstream classroom for TY's and store room into a sensory room for the mainstream school. An update on the schools PV panels scheme was given aswell as an update on the repairs to the roof under the EWS and progress with equipment grants.

Managing the Organisation – Eileen confirmed that the Charities Regulator Annual Return for the period 01/09/2023 to 31/08/2024 was completed online through the Charities Regulator School portal this week.

School activities – the annual Liam Campbell cup is postponed until September due to the very busy schedule in May.

Leadership and Management Needs and Priorities:

An amendment was made to the existing L&M needs and priorities 2024, following an examination by senior management of the current L&M posts, recent needs of the school and the LAOS 2022 document. The amendments included adding in inclusion and diversity and changes to education policy. The new schedule was adopted.

DEIS end of year report:

A report of all 7 DEIS strands was presented to the Board, summarising the targets and progress made in each area. Evaluation of the 2022-2025 plan has been completed and will inform the subsequent plan from September 2025. It was agreed that the HSCL and SCA have been invaluable to the students in the school and the current support structures.

Mandatory Reporting:

Eileen Ryan presented the following reports:

Child Protection Oversight Report.

Anti-Bullying report

State Claims Agency report.

This concluded the final meeting of this Board. Eileen expressed a formal thank you to all the members for their support over the term and their huge interest and time spent. Eileen thanked the Chairperson Madeline in particular for her constant support and availability. Members thanked Eileen for all her hard work, leadership and transparency. The two parent

and teacher nominees were equally acknowledged for their time and participation in the meetings.

This concluded the meeting.