

Agreed Report of Board of Management Meeting Monday 2nd March 2026

Attendance: Niall Powderly – Chairperson (NP); Sinead Nolan (SN); Claire Litton (CL); Elaine Shiely (ES); Caroline O’Brien (CO’B); Andrew O’Donohoe (AOD); Ciara Hackett (CH); Brian Weber (BW); Margaret Fitzgerald (MF); Kate Fahey (KF); Kate Thornhill (KT);

Apologies: John Sheedy (JS); Paul Monahan (PM)

Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with a prayer read by SN.

Finance, Facilities and Operations

KT provided a summary from the recent Finance Committee meeting.

Finance –

An overview of the following was presented:

- Management Accounts YTD January 2026
- Key Assumptions underpinning the Budget 2026/27
- Timelines for Budget Sign Off

Facilities –

Roof Works: The project is on track.

Minutes and Agreed Report of the last meeting

Board Meeting Minutes and Agreed Report of 19th January were proposed by CO’B and seconded by AO’D.

Matters Arising

- The Trips and Tours Policy is being reviewed by Staff, Parents’ Association and the Student Council. It will be brought to the next Board meeting.

- Policy for Personal Leave- A committee was set up to draft the policy and it will require staff consultation. It is expected to be ready by April or May.
- Garda visit to talk to students
SN advised that guards will be visiting the school on the 12th March to talk to students about the potential risks of sharing images of themselves or others and Year Heads indicated the topics of interest for their year groups. All year groups will attend.

Correspondence

There were one staff notification of leave.

There were several letters from staff seeking personal days -each request was reviewed and a decision made.

There were Three Career Break requests and three Job Share applications for the academic year 2026-2027. After careful consideration, the Board agreed to approve the Career Break and Job Share applications conditional upon the successful recruitment of a suitable replacement by 31st May 2026.

Principal's Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and was taken as read.

The Principal drew attention to the following items:

- Mock Exams for 3rd and 6th Years took place in February
- SN advised that one student had been suspended for 3 days and that the Chair had been notified of this.
- 5th Years returned from their Ski trip which was enjoyed by all. SN acknowledged the commitment of the accompanying staff who were on call 24-7.
- A Maths Quiz for 3rd Years and TY students took place in January. Ariana Zhou (3rd Year), Elaine McSwiney (TY), Emma Cheung (TY) and Cindy Quing (3rd Year) scored really high in the IAMTA regional round and qualified for the All-Ireland finals in April. Mr Reilly, Maths teacher, will continue preparing them.
- Darcy Owens and Faith O'Connell were presented with Trinity Entrance Exhibition Awards and SN attended the ceremony.
- Grace Beatty, Jessica Riordan and Nessa Bolger received a UCD Entrance Scholars Award. SN attended the ceremony.
- Rachel Deegan received an Ad Astra Scholarship (for Tennis) in UCD and ES attended the ceremony.
- Mini Wong and Roulin Yang placed 1st and Amy Keaveny and Abril Allende-Ballesteros (all 5th Year) placed 2nd at the Leinster Schools Debating Competition
- Congratulations to Eirinn Doyle (3rd Year), Isobel Hogan (3rd Year) and Cara Beagon (TY) who represented Leinster at the U16s Interprovincial Water Polo Championships and claimed Interpro victory.

- 24 students from the school were recognised for Junior Cycle Awards in Business. CL and JP attended the ceremony.
- Emma Cheung and Maggie Zhu (both TY) have qualified for the National final of the All-Ireland Linguistic Olympiad.
- Congratulations to Abril Allende-Ballesteros (5th Year) who won a silver medal in the 100m Breaststroke and bronze medal in the 100m Freestyle at the Leinster Schools Swimming Championships. Congratulations also to Juliet Cotter (1st Year) who won a gold medal in the 100m Backstroke.

Health & Safety / Safeguarding

The Board discharged its responsibilities regarding several standing items under health and safety and safeguarding.

Policies

The following two policies were adapted from DEY standard templates according to relevant circulars.

- **Teacher Career Break Policy**
The policy was discussed and ratified by the Board
- **Teacher Job Share Policy**
Consultation with staff took place and the policy was discussed and ratified by the Board.

Sustainable Financing / Campus Development

- The Chair advised that there was nothing to report since the last meeting and that a meeting is planned for the 23rd March.

Parents' Association Report

A Parents' Association Meeting took place on the 23rd February and the following items were discussed

- Implementation of uniform policy and consistency in carrying it out.
- Proposal for introduction of hot food options during the break of evening study.
- Communication about the Modular Buildings

AOB

- The Principal advised that notification was received of an upcoming Geography Inspection taking place this week (4th and 5th March).