



Agreed Community Report
Board of Management Meeting Thursday the 10th of November 2025
A meeting of the Board of Management of Piper's Hill College

Welcome

The Chairperson, Ms. Sarah Barry, opened the meeting and welcomed all members. The Principal, Mr. Tom McDonald, presented his report on school activities, policies, and progress.

Teaching and Learning

The Board discussed ongoing initiatives to support teaching and learning across the school.

- Departments are analysing Junior Cycle results, with a strong emphasis on encouraging Higher Level participation in English, Irish, and Mathematics.
- Staff are continuing to develop Transition Year subjects and planning for the year ahead.
- The Board also noted discussions on the role of Artificial Intelligence in education, reflecting national trends in teaching and learning innovation.
- The Board congratulated all staff and students on achieving the best Junior Cycle results in the school's history.

School Development and Buildings

- The Principal updated the Board on ongoing engagement with the Department of Education (DES) Buildings Section regarding the provision of special classes. Further updates will be provided as progress continues.



Staffing and Enrolment

- Enrolment: The school continues to experience strong enrolment numbers for mainstream and AS classes.
- Appointments: Two new permanent Assistant Principal I (AP1) positions have been filled
- The Principal highlighted the exceptionally high level of activity in the school across all areas, reflecting the strong engagement of students and staff.

Policy Review

The Board is currently reviewing and developing several key policies, including:

- Behaviours of Concern Policy
- Supervision Policy
- Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

These policies aim to ensure that the school continues to provide a safe, supportive, and well-managed environment for all.

Wellbeing, Behaviour and Safety

- The Board received an update on student wellbeing, suspensions, and bullying prevention measures.
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Financial Overview

- An update on school finances was presented,
- The Board continues to monitor resources to ensure alignment with learning priorities and the school's strategic plan.

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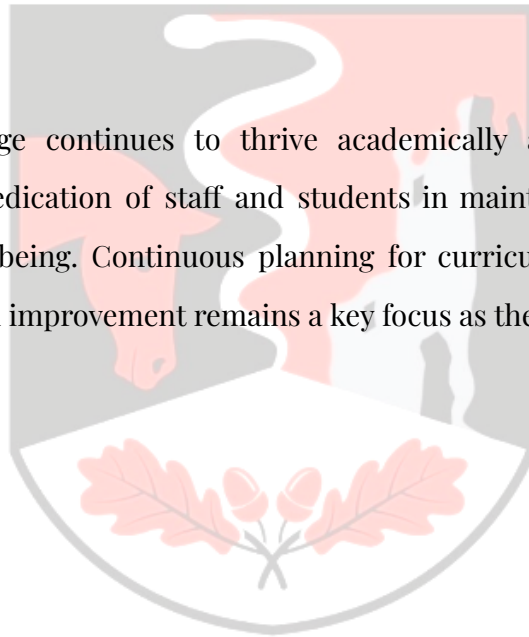
- The Board expressed sincere thanks and congratulations to the teaching staff for their hard work and commitment, particularly in achieving excellent Junior Cycle results.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the Board of Management will take place on Wednesday, 10th December 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Summary

- Pipers Hill College continues to thrive academically and socially. The Board commends the dedication of staff and students in maintaining high standards of learning and wellbeing. Continuous planning for curriculum development, policy review, and school improvement remains a key focus as the school moves forward.



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