



ST DECLAN'S COLLEGE

Agreed Report

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

2nd October 2025

1. Welcome: PK

2. Apologies received: FS, ER

3. Matters Arising: Student Council reviewing Child Safeguarding Statement next week.

4. Finance Committee Report: No finance meeting this month. Full report next month.

5. Child Protection Oversight Report

CPOR presented

New Child Protection procedures coming in. MMcGl and EOR attending training in October. Whole staff training on December 9th.

6. Bí Cineálta Reporting Appendix 1

7. Appointments & Staffing 2025/2026

Update given on appointments. Temp. SEN Teaching posts and temp PE post remain vacant.

8. Interview Panel and Independent Chairs for Post & Jobs ratified.

Recent AP1 panel update.

AP2 process appointment process ratified by the BOM.

9. Correspondence

Job-Share and personal day applications.

Two letters

Standard SEC/Department correspondence

10. Ratification of CIMT Team for 25/26

11. Admission Statement Checklist completed for return to ERST

12. Principal's Report

Classroom Management:

Suspensions outlined, PBST: Secret Student, Kindness Tickets, meeting monthly,

BFL: Talk and Draw x 2 AK 5 students

Teaching & Learning:

Focus on Inclusion of SEN students priority for this year. Return to school in August: NCSE Online Modules on Co-Teaching (half the staff) and NCSE Inclusion in Mainstream Classroom (whole staff).

Bitesize CPD: run by T&L Team in August: Units of Learning/ Planning using AI/ Lesson Openers and Lesson Closers

SEN Core Team created. One teacher per year group. Plan for that teacher to move forward with year group. Refresh and rejuvenation of SEN Department is priority for next three years. Core Team member will liaise with Year Head weekly

SEN Admin work such as RACE applications, AT applications and management, Irish Exemptions etc will be part of middle management system.

SNAs training on Assistive Technology undertaken by Digital Leaders (staff and students)

First Aid Training for whole staff in August.

Magenta Principles continue in school. Course offered to all staff.

Leaving Certificate results were excellent as anticipated

Extra-Curricular and School Spirit

Staff activities discussed

TYs Causey Farm, Driver's Ed,

First Year Mass of Welcome 23rd October (postponed to 6th November)

Junior Cycle Results upcoming.

TY Musical: our first ever musical production. DK, CB, KR coordinating teachers.

Open Night: Hugely successful. Numbers very good. Excellent feedback.

Bernard McCormack Bursary Awards Ceremony took place end of September. Highest achievers in Leaving Cert recognised. Vera McCormack present. Whole school in attendance.

Lottery: still running. Money has funded new set of GAA jerseys and sports equipment. Intention is to use money towards a 'big ticket' item this year.

School Jacket: Very popular. It has run out in certain sizes. School has large number of the old school jackets for those who need them.

Building Update:

Gas boiler in A Block: letter gone to Dept re increase in funding.

13. New ASD class update

5 students and one incoming

Half days until next Monday

C. H. (lead teacher) to be commended & three SNAs.

EOR and CH visit to St Paul's, Brunswick Street. for guidance and advice from Lead teacher and principal.

Issue with room reconfiguration discussed. Assistance being sought from the JMB.

School Transport has not been made available to any of the students. SENO has been contacted and Bus Eireann have been contacted to no avail. Very stressful for the families.

Provisional Date of Next Meeting decided.