



ST DECLAN'S COLLEGE

Agreed Report

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

7th May 2026

Welcome - In attendance - Apologies received - Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
Proposed and Seconded – No matters arising

Finance:

Report from Finance Committee meeting given by EM

Child Protection Oversight Report

Presented by EOR.

New Child Protection procedures to be adopted at next meeting.

Anti-Bullying

Report presented as per Bí Cineálta Policy.

Principal's Report to the Board on Leadership and Management May 2026: Annual Postholder's Review

Each postholder is accountable to the BOM for how his/her work contributes to the pedagogic and organisational advancement of the school Circular 0003/18. This entails: Teacher Annual Report, Review Meeting with Principal or Deputy principal, Principal's Annual report to BOM regarding Leadership and Management.

Half the meetings are complete, Reports discussed by Board, APs presenting at BOM meetings will be welcomed, middle management updates will be on agenda from now on. More frequent meetings for APIs a priority. Full report to be given at next meeting.

Staffing and CIDs

EOR gave update on Circular 0021/2026 and implications for Board.

Correspondence

Routine correspondence from SEC and DOES

Two letters from staff members

Principal's Report

Teaching & Learning:

Subject Choice for Fifth years discussed - EPAS: We are a participant in the European Parliament Ambassador School Programme. Mr Rickard (Politics & Society teacher) travelled to Brussels along with one other teacher from Ireland to represent the country at a gathering of teachers involved in EPAS from all 27 member states.

Music practicals, orals, history projects, engineering practicals all taking place. Busy time for Leaving Certificate students and their teachers.

Senior Cycle Reform discussed. Oide training took place on 24th April.

Board sanctions advertising of SCR Coordinator

School Spirit:

TY trip to Manchester next weekend. Thank you to Ms Coyle for organising.

Anti-Bullying week took place the week before Easter Holidays. Thank you to Mr O'Brien organising for organising. There were student-led workshops for some year and teacher-led workshops. Presentations were made in year group assemblies and tutor class. The aim is to ensure students feel St Declan's is a safe place for all.

Fundraising for new school bus has begun. This will take several years. Aiming to raise between €50,000 – €100,000. The 24 Hour Soccer Marathon took place on 18th April and raised just over €8000. Very exciting day for students, especially senior students who stayed overnight. Board acknowledges commitment of all staff members, especially those who stayed overnight.

West Leinster track and field, student in first year won bronze medals in the minor boys 800m and 1100m, sixth year student won bronze in the senior boys' high jump

Wellbeing Week took place in April with multiple events. Very well-received by students.

Thank you to all involved and Mr O'Brien for organising.

Incoming First Year Parents in for information meeting.

Mass of Thanksgiving and reception for Christian Brothers took place on 5th May (Feast Day of Edmund Rice), several past principal present as well student body and past pupils and retired teachers. Thanks to D. Kelly, N. O'Brien, C. Webb for their work on the mass and D. O'Laighin and L. Malone for their work decorating the library and displaying relevant materials from the archives including the first roll book, year books, photos etc.

Upcoming events: End of Year awards 14th May, Graduation 18th May, Transition Year Certification 21st May

Building:

SEN Re-purposing project: details given of support sought.

Date of Next Meeting (Provisional): 9th June