



ST DECLAN'S COLLEGE

Agreed Report

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

9th June 2026

Welcome - In Attendance - Apologies received Minutes of Previous Board Meeting Proposed and Seconded - Matters Arising: None

Child Protection Legislative Requirements ahead of new school year:

E. O'Reilly appointed to role of DLP

M. McGlue appointed to role of DDLP until 31st July 2026

C. Webb appointed to role of DDLP from 1st August

Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement complete. Notification regarding the Board of Management's review of the Child Safeguarding statement complete. (Both from old procedures)

BOM formally adopted the Child Protection Procedures 2025 and the new Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

Our school has used the templates provided on www.gov.ie/childprotectionschools to develop its Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment and its student friendly version. These will be displayed in a prominent position near the main entrance of the school.

ERST, school personnel, our parents' association, and our parents/carers will be informed the review has been undertaken using the notification template provided by the department. Our school has published the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment and notification of its review on our website.

SPHE Plan ratified.

Child Protection Oversight Report

Report presented to Board.

Bí Cineálta: Anti-Bullying Report

Report presented to Board.

Annual review of the Bí Cineálta Policy

Completed as per template.

Annual Report on Posts of Responsibility

Post holders demonstrated strong commitment across all four domains. There is clear evidence of effective leadership in supporting teaching and learning, managing key organisational systems, contributing to school development priorities, and building leadership capacity among staff and students.

Board commends postholders on their dedication to the school.

Strengths and areas for improvement noted in report

Autism Inclusion Support Class

Re-cap of situation regarding students with diagnoses and recommendations to be in ASD class in mainstream setting and option of opening Autism Inclusion Support Class.

Autism Inclusion Support Class will be opened to facilitate these students.

Physical space and staffing are concerns.

School Tour Update

Code of Behaviour Update

Proposed rule change: *Fighting, organising a fight or initiating fights and all other physically aggressive behaviour is strictly prohibited in school or whilst being associated with our school. Involvement in this type of behaviour will lead to suspension (three days minimum) and may lead to more serious sanction up to and including expulsion.*

Ratified

Correspondence:

Standard communications for DOES and SEC.

2 x leave requests

Letter from D. Coyle. Board immensely grateful to D. Coyle for huge contribution to the school and the students over years of school tours. Wish her well and would like to acknowledge this work.

Letter of Sanction Autism inclusion Support Class

Principal's Report:

Teaching & Learning:

Summer exams/ State Exams/ SCT Coordinator appointed September.

School Spirit:

TY trip to Manchester in May. Thank you to Ms Coyle for organising.

U17s soccer had a great end to the school year beating Blessington in Leinster shield final, winning 3-1. HL scored 2 goals and LS scoring 1. Well done to M. Byrne and O. Nee and team.

Under 15 soccer team lost the Dublin metro semi final on penalties to Kishoge. Sporting achievements of individual students outside of school acknowledged.

End of Year awards for First, Second, Third and Fifth Years. Academic awards and merit awards. Lovely evening for parents and students. Year Heads and many staff members present. Thanks to M. McGinley for organising.

Graduation: Held in Church of Most precious Blood again. Thank you to Fr Joe. Graduation certificates and awards presented. Thank you to D. Kelly, N. O'Brien, RE and Music Department. M. McGinley looked after decorating the church with B. O'Rourke. Evening was a very joyful celebration.

Transition Year Certification Ceremony: Held in school library. Presentations of certificates, multiple presentations by students.

Building:

Update given re SEN Repurposing project.

New carpets going into entrance way of B Block over summer.

Board acknowledges the death of Brother Bourke, principal of St Declan's from 1973 – 1980. Br Bourke very fondly remembered in the area. Was responsible for the building of the gym and is well-remembered by past-pupils and family alike. May he rest in peace.

16. Staffing Update: Appointments listed

Proposed date of meeting: 8th October 2026