



**ST DECLAN'S COLLEGE**

*Agreed Report*

**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING**

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

1. Welcome: PK
2. In attendance: EOS, EOR, FS, PK, KR, EM, GOL
3. Apologies received: ER, CR
4. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:  
Proposed: EM  
Seconded: KR
5. Matters Arising: None
6. Finance:  
End of year accounts submitted on time and copy sent to ERST.  
Finance Sub-Committee meeting will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> March.
7. Child Protection Oversight Report  
CPOR presented covering period 4<sup>th</sup> December – 18<sup>th</sup> March. Redacted supporting documents presented and Optional Template F signed by EOR and PK.
8. Anti-Bullying  
Bí Cineálta Report Presented by EOR  
Anti-Bullying Week takes place next week
9. Ratification of policies  
Leaving Certificate Applied Policy Ratified.  
Admissions Policy Ratified. Changes made to Section 16 and change to criteria regarding admission to ASD class.
10. Correspondence:  
Request for Personal days. Discussed and granted.

Other correspondence read out and discussed. .

## 11. Principal's Report

Classroom Management:

Suspension report.

BFL programme on-going.

Discussion on possible change of Code of Behaviour with regard to physical assault/ fighting.

Teaching & Learning:

Mocks exams completed and reports issued.

Oral exams and projects etc underway.

Sports & Extra-Curricular Activities:

U15 soccer team narrowly beaten by St. Fintan's in the Metro North Final. Brilliant comeback from 2-0 down, to force the game to ET. A well-worked goal in the last two mins ensured the victory for St. Fintan's.

U17s through to QF of Leinster Shield competition.  
Mr Nee, Ms Byrne, Mr O'Driscoll involved in the above.

Basketball Success for first years and second years. Ms O'Connor, Ms Kessie, Mr O'Reilly involved.

Athletics: Second Year student in National cross country finals. Impressive achievement. Athletics Team was presented with the inaugural Dr Cyril M. White Cup as the winners of the MHC-DH Schools Athletics League. Representatives from Athletics Ireland and the Dublin Sports and Wellbeing Partnership presented the boys trophy and their medals. Thank you to Mr Byrne.

Prayer service for Lent every Thursday in the oratory in the monastery. Well attended. Thanks to Fr Joe for facilitating and the RE Department.

Four members of Student Council attended the ERST Student Council gathering in O'Connell's with Mr Rickard. Made a presentation on how the Student Council runs.

C Block Laptops have arrived and being used by all teachers in C Block.

TY trip to Manchester next weekend.

Anti-Bullying week takes place the week before Easter Holidays. Mr O'Brien organising. There will be student-led workshops for some year groups as well as teacher-led workshops.

Assembly and tutor class presentations have been prepared. The aim is to ensure students feel St Declan's is a safe place for all.

Transition year musical: Deco's D'Musical exceeded all expectations. Approx. 250 in the audience each night. An incredible experience for the boys. Parents very happy and proud. Ms Kelly, Mr Ronan and Ms Bellingan to be commended and thanked.

Raffle raised €1545. Tickets drawn by two members of the Parents Council on second night of the raffle. Funds raised are for the musical with what is left going to the bus fund.

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 is running this year for the first time in many years (18<sup>th</sup> April).

Mass of Celebration is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> May to recognise the contribution of the Christian Brothers to St Declan's. Whole school mass with invited guests and refreshments afterward in the library.

Provisional Date of Next Meeting set.