

# **Agreed Report from the meeting of the Board of Management of Scoil Naomh Molaise**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **Minutes of previous meeting**

- Minutes were distributed and read by board members.

## **Correspondence**

- Correspondence was received and discussed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- The Treasurer spoke about the school finances and presented a current account summary up until 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## **Principal's Report**

### **Enrolment:**

- Number on roll: 278 pupils
- A threshold of 258 pupils applies to retain the 11<sup>th</sup> mainstream class teacher. A threshold of 284 pupils is required to gain the 12<sup>th</sup> mainstream class teacher.
- The school is accepting expressions of interest from parents/guardians wishing to enrol their child at SN Molaise for 2026/2027. We will have an enrolment morning on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January from 9:45-10:45am. Parents and prospective pupils are invited to visit the school.

### **Special Educational Needs:**

- There will be no school for pupils on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January in order to facilitate NCSE training for the whole staff on an *Introduction to Autism*. Every school opening a special class for autism is given this training by the NCSE.

### **Parental Involvement**

- Following recent first aid training, the staff asked the Parents Association to consider purchasing a defibrillator for the school. Quotes are being sought at present. The school will look after the maintenance of the defibrillator going forward. Thank you to the PA for supporting such an important initiative, one we hope we will never need to use.
- A Ladies Wellness Evening organised by the PA took place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January. It was a wonderful event and very well received by all present. Thank you so much to the speakers on the night and the PA for organising such an enjoyable event.
- The AGM of the Parents Association takes place in the school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm. There is also an option to join the meeting remotely from home.

## Special Items

### **Child Protection:**

- In light of the new procedures, the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment has been reviewed by staff in recent weeks and will be shared with parents/guardians and the wider community later this week.
- The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment will be presented to the board at the next meeting.
- CPSMA will be inviting all Boards of Management to training in the new Child Protection Procedures in the coming weeks.
- Required by Circular 0041/2025 – A Child Protection Oversight Report was presented to the Board of Management.

### **Bí Cineálta:**

- Requirement of Circular 55/2024 and Bí Cineálta Procedures – Bí Cineálta was discussed.

### **Special Class**

- The soft finishes are to be installed in the Calm Corner tomorrow (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January). This will be a beautiful space for children to spend time when needed.

### **Recruitment - Caretaker**

- After fifteen years as a member of the team at Scoil Naomh Molaise, our caretaker, Thomas Kerins, has announced his intention to retire in March. The board recognise Thomas as a highly valued member of the staff, and note the positive contribution he has made to the school community. He will be greatly missed.
- The Board of Management will advertise the vacant caretaking position in The Sligo Champion, the parish newsletter, and on the school website/facebook page. The advert will ask interested parties to contact the school for more details regarding the position.

### **Policies reviewed/ratified at this meeting**

- ✓ Attendance Strategy Statement
- ✓ Fire Drill and Fire Safety Policy
- ✓ Plean Scoile don Ghaeilge
- ✓ Whole School Plan for Music
- ✓ Whole School Plan for SPHE