

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

Date: 26th February 2026

Minutes of previous meeting

- Minutes were distributed and read by board members.

Correspondence

- Staffing arrangements for the school year 2026/2027 were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

- There was no treasurer's report at this meeting.

Principal's Report

Enrolment:

- Number on roll (currently): 278 pupils
- A threshold of 258 pupils applies to retain the 11th mainstream teacher. A threshold of 284 pupils is required to gain the 12th mainstream class teacher.
- We have offered places to 34 junior infants for September 2026.

Special Educational Needs:

- Our SNA allocation for 2025/2026 is 9.49 SNAs. We anticipated a reduction in our allocation next year. However, in light of the recent widely publicised SNA controversy, it is unlikely that there will be any change to our allocation next year.

Curriculum/Extra Curricular:

- The new Primary Curriculum Framework will be explored by staff on Wednesday 11th March. This course is facilitated by Oide and there will be no school for pupils.
- The Stay Safe Programme is being taught in all classes this term as part of our whole school plan for SPHE.
- Our 4th class has been selected at random to participate in TIMSS, which is an international study of maths and science. TIMSS is carried out on behalf of the Department of Education and Youth. It is a digital assessment which assesses the mathematical and science achievements of pupils in 4th class. This study will take place in March in the school.
- To develop the children's awareness of internet safety and digital responsibility, we have invited Ger Brick to give a talk to pupils (3rd-6th) on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th March.

Parental Involvement

- The Parents Association is holding their annual Duck Race after the St Patrick's Day Parade. We are very grateful to all who have sponsored prizes for this school fundraiser.

- Ger Brick will present an Internet Safety Talk for parents/guardians on Tuesday 10th March via Zoom. We hope that there will be good numbers in attendance.

Misc.

- We have enjoyed having TY, LCVP and third level students with us this term.

Special Items

Child Protection:

- All schools must be fully compliant with the new *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025* by 31st December 2026.
- The revised Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.
- 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.

Recruitment -Appointment

- The Board of Management ratified the appointment of Kieran Woods to the position of caretaker at Scoil Naomh Molaise. We wish him well in his new role.

Hot Meals

- Following the procurement guidelines, an evaluation team, consisting of a member of school staff, the Board of Management and the Parents Association, was established to review the Hot Meal tenders that were submitted through the etenders portal. The next steps in appointing a provider will be implemented. An update will be provided in due course.

New Construction / Road Safety

- The impact of the ongoing and proposed construction (behind the school) on road safety was discussed.
- The Board is satisfied with the detailed and scientific traffic assessment carried out for Phase 2 of the Development which concludes that the effect of the development on road safety is negligible, based on traffic surveys and modelling of the anticipated increased traffic.
- For this reason, and as the car park will be reinstated and a pedestrian crossing will be installed, the Board does not have a basis for a making a submission to object to the development.
- The Board, through the Principal, will continue to liaise with Sligo County Council in relation to improving road safety around the school.

Policies/Plans reviewed/ratified

- ✓ Intimate Care Policy