

ST. FLANNAN'S COLLEGE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING
AGREED REPORT



Date and Time of Meeting	Monday 19 th November 2018, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Present	Mr Leonard Cleary (Chairperson), Fr Ignatius McCormack (Secretary), Ms Mary Corbett, Ms Sadie Moloney, Mr Pat Whyns. Mr Michael Horgan, Mr Joe Russell, Dr Denise Cox, Ms Tracey O'Donohue (Minutes Secretary)
Apologies from	Ms Teresa Considine

The Chairman welcomed the Board and thanked them for their attendance.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Board.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of 16th October were adopted by the Board.

3. Matters Arising

A discussion took place around the possibility of having a second supplier of school uniform.

4. Correspondence

a. Discipline Committee. The Principal received a letter from the Disciplinary Committee in regard to a student who despite promises to the contrary at his discipline hearing, is still being very disruptive and uncooperative. It was agreed that the next step will be to bring him before the Board. The Principal will write to the student's mother to inform her of this.

b. Section 29. The School lost the Section 29 appeal.

c. Staff Leave. Personal days were requested by seven staff members, a period of leave was also requested. These were agreed by the Board.

d. Policies. The amended Admissions Policy and the Child Protection Policy were reviewed and passed by the Board. The acceptable use policy was deferred until the next meeting.

e. Sponsorship Request. The Principal received a letter requesting sponsorship of €1000 for four students who are playing in the Irish U16 Girls National Volley Ball Team. It was decided to deny this request as students involved in projects within the College, such as the NASA project must raise their own funding. The Principal will inform them of the decision and suggest that they contact the Credit Union for sponsorship.

f. Entrance Scholarships. Two students have been awarded the JP McManus Entrance Scholarship and two students have been awarded the UL Scholarship.

g. TUSLA Notification. TUSLA have notified the Principal that they are taking a student's family to court due to poor attendance.

h. State Exams Commission. The State Exams Commission have informed the Principal that they are withholding

results for a Junior Cert student until it is established whether or not cheating took place.

- i. **Munter Fleadh Group.** The Muster Fleadh Group have donated €4000 to the school from funds left over after this year's Fleadh.
5. **Open AP2 Post.** The Principal requested approval of the Board to advertise the open AP2 post. This was approved.
- 6 **Child Safety.** Three cases have been referred to TUSLA on foot of advice from them.
- 7 **Finance**
 - a A finance report was circulated to the Board.
- 8 **Principal's Report**
 - a. **Open Night.** The open night was a great success thanks to the efforts of the organisers, teachers and students. The Principal and the Board wish to express sincere thanks to all involved.
 - b. **Camogie& Hurling Blitz.** A camogie blitz for sixth class students was held in the College, it was a great success. The Board and the Principal wish to thank all the Staff involved in making it such an enjoyable event for the students.
 - c. **Digital Learning Strategy.** There are twelve teachers involved in the digital learning team, they are implementing this strategy with Mr Cahir. The wireless network needs to be upgraded to facilitate this; the upgrade will be funded by the Department of Education IT grant.
 - d. **Light Refit.** This has been completed and has passed the necessary inspections. The grant for 50% of the costs is now due. We are now looking at ways to upgrade the heating system to cut costs. The SEAI do accept proposals and this is being looked into.
 - e. **Fund Raising.** A concert will take place in Glor on 23rd Nov involving the Band of the First Brigade, in conjunction with the St Flannan's Singers and Trad Club.
 - f. **School Attendance Strategy.** The Year Heads and management have identified students in each year group with significant absenteeism. Parents have been engaged with, as has the EWO. This work is reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- 9 **Agreed Report**

The agreed report will be the minutes with any personal information removed.
- 10 **AOB**
 - a. **Credit Card.** The school has been issued with a school credit card.
 - b. **Traffic.** A text was sent to all parents reminding them that they may not bring vehicles onto the school grounds. This seems to have has a significant effect. It will continue to be monitored.
- 11 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board Meeting will take place on Monday 14th January 2019.