

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



Date and Time of Meeting	Wednesday 14 th October 2020, 7.00pm
Present	Mr Leonard Cleary (Chairperson), Fr Ignatius McCormack (Secretary), Mr Pat Whyms, Ms Teresa Considine, Ms Mary Corbett, Dr Denise Cox,
Apologies from	

The meeting opened with a prayer from Fr McCormack.

1. Agenda

This was adopted by the Board.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were adopted by the Board.

3. Matters Arising

The Principal took the opportunity to acknowledge the excellent support of senior staff in reopening the school.

4. Correspondence

a The NCSE have again requested that we open an ASD unit. The Principal explained to the Board that is presently impossible due to lack of infrastructure. A response will be sent to the NCSE in line with last year's response.

b. Staff Leave

Personal days were requested by three staff members. All were approved by the Board.

c. Allianz Insurance

The flood relief scheme is now operational, but Allianz have not removed the excess associated with it from the renewal costs. The Principal is in discussion with them regarding this, as the terms of the excess being removed from the policy have been met. The Council have written a letter stating that the flood relief scheme is not completed.

d. Digital Learning Group

The members of the Digital Learning Group were issued with laptops last year. It is hoped to issue the rest of the staff with devices very soon in case of a further lock-down situation. The Principal requested the Board's consent to purchase the remaining devices at a cost of €24,000. The request was approved by the Board.

5. Child Safeguarding

a There have been no safeguarding incidents since the last meeting

TUSLA have informed us that, in relation to the 20 day absence reporting, they need separate reporting for COVID related absence and other absences.

b The Principal suggested that Donal Cahir be appointed Deputy Designated Liaison Person for the academic year 2020-2021. This was approved by the Board on the proposal of Pat Whyms and seconded by Leonard Cleary.

6. Review and Ratification of Policies.

The following policies were ratified by the Board.

Phone Policy.

Irish Policy.

Sexuality and Relationships Policy.

Admissions Policy (JMB Template).

Code of Behaviour (Addendum re COVID).

An Admissions Statement is required stating the intake number for Sept 2021. The number proposed is 216, but this may need to be adjusted due to a very large 6th class number in the primary schools.

7. Principal's Report

a. Finance

The school finances are healthy, the Department has supported the reopening requirements with realistic grants.

b. Election of the new Board of Management.

The newly elected Board Members are Christy O'Connor and Elaine Duffy, (Parent Representatives), and James Delaney and Mary Keane, (Staff Representatives).

The Patron's representatives, Denise Cox, Mary Corbett and Pat Whyms will remain.

c. Charities Regulator

The school has been informed that the Diocese has the power to dispose of any property which it owns and has vested in the trust. This includes the site behind the College currently being sold to the HSE by the Diocese.

d. Delayed Leaving Certificate.

Will be run in the School from 15th November to 5th December, in the evenings and at weekends.

e. Christmas Tests.

Will be classroom based. Third and sixth years tests will take place in mid-December, results to be sent home before Christmas. First, Second and Fifth year tests will take place in late December, results will be sent home. TY tests will take place after the Christmas break.

Possible formats for the Mock Exams will be discussed at Christmas. Results for First, Second, Fifth Year and TY will be sent home before the Easter break.

8. AOB

a. It is planned to advertise 1st year enrolment on November 15th.

b. The Board would like to thank the outgoing Board Members, Teresa Considine, Michael Horgan, Sadie Moloney and Joe Russell for their service and commitment and wish them all the very best in the future.

Next Meeting

It is hoped to hold the next meeting in person to welcome the new Board Members. The Bishop will write to the new Board members and the meeting will be scheduled after the letter has been sent.