

**ST. FLANNAN'S COLLEGE
BOARD MEETING.
AGREED REPORT**



<i>Date and Time of Meeting</i>	Tuesday January 16 th , 2024, at 7.30pm. Boarding School
<i>Present</i>	Mr. Leonard Cleary (Chairperson), Fr Ignatius McCormack (Secretary) Ms Marion Coughlan-Flynn, Mr Daragh Hassett, Ms. Elaine Duffy, Mr. Benny Duggan Ms Claire Wehrley, Mr. Christy O'Connor, Ms Marie Keane. Ms Tracey O'Donohue (Recording Secretary).
<i>Apologies from</i>	

The meeting opened with a prayer.

The Chairman welcomed the Board.

1. Agenda.
The agenda was agreed by the Board.
2. Minutes.
The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by the Board.
3. Matters Arising.
The Diocese has requested a firm proposal regarding the Ruddle report and the possible use of the Boarding School building. Fr McCormack will work on this.
4. Correspondence.
 - a. Requests for personal days were received from two staff members. A staff member has requested Parental Leave followed by Parents' Leave. All leave was approved by the Board.
 - b. The Unified Applications coordinator has requested that the school accept extra 1st Year students for September 24. There remain over 100 students with no secondary school placement. After discussion, it was agreed that St Flannan's would take an extra class of 1st Years giving an enrolment number of 240 for the 24/25 academic year. This was agreed by consensus.
 - c. An appeal was received regarding a two-day suspension for belligerent behaviour in the canteen. The appeal was denied.
5. Child Safeguarding.
There were no incidences involving child safeguarding.
6. Finance.
The Board reviewed the accounts for December. Expenditure is up due to inflation.
7. The school was contacted regarding a letter that will shortly be issued from the Department

regarding a request for us to open a two-class ASD unit in September 24 on the understanding that modular units will be provided to house the classes in the short term. After discussion, it was agreed by consensus that, if the plan was to go ahead, only one class would be manageable given the number of students that are already in-house. Fr McCormack will await the arrival of the letter.

8. Update on Pending Legal Proceedings.

Two injury cases are ongoing, one for a back injury sustained lifting floodgates. An injury sustained while playing basketball. Allianz are dealing with both cases. The school has no control over the proceedings.

9. Proposal to Generate More Income.

a. It was decided by consensus that the voluntary fee would be raised to €250 for the next academic year. It is hoped that this will also give rise to tax rebates at the end of the year.

b. A meeting has been set up with a company regarding the installation of solar panels, with a view to offsetting some of the costs of heating the school.

10. Introduction of a School Jacket.

The Student Council have been putting plans together for a school jacket. They sent two samples to the Board. The Board agree that it is a good idea and suggests that the Student Council make the final decision on which jacket to choose. The proposal will be given to the Staff in Friday announcements to see if they have an opinion on the subject.

11. Development of an App for School Business.

The Principal is working toward bringing in a new school app called “UniqueSchools”. It is a way to circulate information to students and parents much more cost-effectively than the current system and also allows in-app payment of school fees/contributions.

12. Ratification of Three APII Posts

The interview panel sent forward recommendations for the three open positions. These were ratified by the Board.

13. Agreed Report

Will be the minutes with all personal information removed.

14. AOB.

A board member acknowledged the passing of retired staff member, and the amazing work they did in the College. RIP.

The school received a note from the retired staff member’s daughter thanking the school for the guard of honour both at the school gate and at the Cathedral.

There will be a BOM dinner to acknowledge the latest retirees on Friday 1st March at the Old Ground Hotel.

15. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Boarding School.