



Scoil an Linbh Íosa

Board of Management Agreed Report

Date: 26th June 2024

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on the 26th of June 2024.

1) Minutes of last meeting (20.05.2024) were ratified unanimously.

2) Treasurer's Report: Financial Report was presented.

3) Principal's Report highlighted the actions of the school management & staff since the last meeting.

- There has been a successful roll out of hot meals. Positive feedback has been received thus far from pupils and the service will continue to be monitored to ensure quality levels continue.
- The Summer July Programme was confirmed to run for two weeks from the start of July 2024.
- A Curriculum Evaluation report received from the Department of Education following a school inspection in the subject area of Maths has been followed up with a continued improvement plan that will be implemented across 2024-2025 in line with recommendations to strengthen curriculum oversight. The positive report found pupils' learning was 'commendable' and teaching practice was 'highly commendable.'
- The results of the Anti-bullying Questionnaire for the summer term were discussed with the Board. This data is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the Anti-bullying Policy. The Board decided that the Anti-bullying Questionnaires should be sent home during the first term of the 2024-2025 school year, rather than being answered in school.

4) Principal presented Child Safeguarding and Anti-bullying reports.

5) Policies

- The Admissions Policy was reviewed, revised and ratified ready for implementation from October 2024. Criteria has been adjusted from the previous policy to reflect the changing demands being made on school places. The ratified Admission Policy will be sent to the patron for approval.
- The Child Safeguarding Policy and Statement was ratified unanimously.
- The Code of Behaviour was ratified unanimously.
- The Anti-Bullying Policy was ratified with reservation made to review in 2024-25.
- An updated SEN policy is currently being revised ready for ratification in early 2024-2025.
- An updated Health and Safety Policy and Statement is currently being revised ready for ratification in 2024-2025.

6) School places

The Board of Management reviewed class sizes and waiting lists. The Board of Management agreed that class sizes and waiting lists will be kept under review at each board meeting.

The Board of Management has commissioned a report regarding local population and housing data that will inform next steps regarding an application to the Department of Education to expand the school.

7) Staffing

- The Principal confirmed the retirement of a long-serving teacher and two SNAs. The Board of Management expressed their gratitude for their service and wishes them well.
- 5 job shares and 2 career breaks were agreed by the Board of Management.
- 7 vacant posts were confirmed and are now filled. A further permanent position and two SNA posts are due to be filled ahead of 2024-2025 year start.

8) Training

- 4 members of staff undertook training in grief counselling run by Rainbows Ireland.
- 3 teachers completed training from ADHD Ireland able to cascade to colleagues. Additionally, staff from the wider school are to undertake webinar training from ADHD Ireland in August.
- All staff will be attending training in Restorative Support (including the area of anti-bullying) prior to the commencement of 2024-2025.

9) AoB

- It was confirmed that 'Board of Management Agreed Reports' will be made available for each Board of Management meeting moving forwards. These will be published on the school web site once ratified.
- A board member will be attending PTA meetings as far as is possible to strengthen the link between the BoM and PTA.

Date of next meeting: tbc.