



Caheragh NS

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Agreed report – Board of Management Meeting

Date: 29/09/26

- The BOM reviewed and ratified policies:
 - Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment
 - Special Education Needs and Inclusive Education Policy
- The BOM are happy to report that no Child Safeguarding issues or instances of bullying have been reported.
- The BOM was informed of ongoing maintenance work due to be completed in the school – plumbing and school garden
- The Board welcomed the addition of our 4th classroom and our new Mainstream Teacher Mrs Fitzpatrick and the additional pupils who have enrolled throughout the school this year.
- The BOM discussed at length the results of the Primary School Survey and in particular, the results of the preference for religious ethos question. The BOM read and discussed letters from parents, submitted as part of requested feedback from parents on this topic. A member of the BOM whose children attend the school and are not Catholic spoke about their children's experience in the school and said that they were very happy with how the school accommodated pupils of other faiths or no faith. The BOM discussed the 50/50 results of the survey and came to the conclusion that due to the fact that only 24 out of 43 families responded, the result is not a valid 50/50 vote with regard to the ethos. Also, some families were sent two links to the survey upon request which makes the number of families (43) an inaccurate number and therefore we can deduce that less than 24 families actually responded due to the duplicate responses. Upon discussing all of this information, the board decided to look at the breakdown of the number of families enrolled and their declared religion based on their enrolment forms. We then decided to break that down further based off of how many of the Catholic pupils enrolled who choose to partake in religious instruction and the sacraments. What we found is that 85% of our school enrolment is made up of practicing Catholics who actively take part in religion classes and opt to receive the sacraments through the school. Therefore it is the decision of the board that the school will continue to uphold its Catholic ethos but if the religious demographic of the school changes in the future, we are open to discussing a change to the ethos should the need arise.
- The Treasurer gave her report and updated the BOM of any funding/grants received by the school from either the PA or the Dept.
- The Principal gave her report as to the day to day running of the school.
- It was decided that the money received from the Threshing Committee would be used to fund fixed sports equipment in the school yard.

Signed: _____

Secretary to the Board of Management