

St. Cuan's College

**Board of Management
Meeting of Monday Oct. 24th 2016
5.15 – 6.30 pm**

Agreed Report

The New Board of Management was welcomed by the chairperson and the principal/secretary.

The Board took a moment to invoke God's blessing on their meeting and on St. Cuan's College during the term of office of the new Board.

The chairperson spoke of the Board of Management as a legal entity and of the 'two external voices' (voices beyond the school community) to which every Board of Management is required to be attuned, i.e. (i) the Department of Education and Skills and its various agencies, and (ii) the school's trustee / patron and his agencies .. Bishop Kevin Doran and the Elphin Diocesan Education Secretariat.

All Board members committed to a programme of on-going formation.

The Board agreed to give time at a future meeting to Bishop Kevin's invitation to St. Cuan's College to undertake the Catholic School's Partnership's *Understanding & Living The Ethos in a Catholic Voluntary Secondary School – A Process Centred on Conversations* and to review the associated materials in the meantime.

The Board also agreed to consider a letter from Bishop Kevin to all Post-Primary Schools in the Elphin Diocese calling for endorsement of certain standards etc. in each school's Religious Education policy and provision.

The Board reflected upon the impending ASTI dispute and concurred that health and safety concerns necessitated the closure of St. Cuan's on strike days and in the event that ASTI members were unavailable to assist with supervision. Board members agreed to meet for emergency meetings should the secretary / principal deem such meetings necessary.

The Board agreed to meet monthly and dates were agreed.

The Board agreed to be commissioned by Bishop Kevin during celebrations to mark the opening and blessing of the new building on Dec. 9th.

The principal / secretary provided a brief profile of St. Cuan's College community and agreed to provide a report on developments etc. at all future meetings.

The Board concluded by invoking Our Lady's intercession for the St. Cuan's College community and by invoking the prayerful intercession of St. Cuan.

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