

**Diocese of Elphin
St. Cuan's College**

**Board of Management
Meeting of Monday Feb. 13th 2017
6.30 – 8.30 pm**

AGREED REPORT

The meeting took a moment to come into God's presence, to ponder a scripture text and to invoke God's blessing on the meeting and on St. Cuan's College school community. Mr. Tom Ward RIP, his family and friends were remembered very specially.

The meeting reviewed the in-house Board of Management training received from Paddy Boyle on 21/1/2016. All participants agreed it was excellent.

The Board expressed sincere thanks to the principal for her report on life in St. Cuan's College since the Board's previous meeting on January 16th and expressed appreciation for the ongoing work of staff and students. It was also welcomed news that St. Cuan's Staff Curriculum Committee had met to discuss the new Junior Cycle and that a Staff Finance Committee were now working in partnership with the re-established St. Cuan's Parents' Association.

The outcome of the recent ASTI ballot was noted and the Board expressed disappointment at not being in a position to advance consultation with staff in relation to posts of responsibility, school self-evaluation and development planning.

Two Job-Sharing applications were received and a proposal that they be accepted was adopted.

The Board approved a request from the principal to convene a staff meeting during school hours to discuss time-tabling next year and other important matters.

The principal noted the need for discussion in the near future on the care of buildings, especially Building 67. It also noted the return of Building 65 from the Galway-Roscommon Youth Services as the lease was up.

Heather Reynolds reported on behalf of the Board's policy sub-committee. Work is on-going in relation to a review of St. Cuan's Code of Behaviour & Discipline policy.

Collette Kennedy Walsh reported on behalf of the finance sub-committee and the Board approved accounts for the year ending 31st August 2016. Staff were also praised and thanked for their prudent use of school resources.

The Board welcomed the revival of St. Cuan's College Parents' Association and look forward to a cordial relationship going forward.

Discussion on a draft religious education policy was deferred until the Board's meeting on March 27th.

The Board welcomed news that technical difficulties relating to St. Cuan's website had been resolved and that the site would soon be active. Cathal Jordan was thanked for his related work. Health and safety concerns were raised concerning parking, dropping off and collection of students morning and evening, a manhole cover at the front of the school, the need for a repainting of the Zebra crossing and replacement of lights. The principal is to write to parents and the relevant authorities.

The meeting concluded with a prayer invoking Our Lady's intercession on the work of the meeting, the Board and St. Cuan's College school community.

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