

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

**Board of Management
Meeting of Monday March 27th 2017
7.15 – 9.15 pm**

AGREED REPORT

The Board took a moment to come into God's presence, to ponder a scripture text and to invoke God's blessing on the meeting, on St. Cuan's College school community and on the Melody, Barrett and Fogarty families owing to recent bereavements.

The principal informed the meeting that health and safety concerns raised at the February meeting had been brought to the attention of the relevant authorities.

The Board reflected on their statutory duties, as presented in the first half of Chapter 4 '*Education & the Law: Statutory Duties of the Board of Management*' of The Board of Management handbook. Cathal Jordan provided an introduction and viewing of St. Cuan's website and it was approved for publication / to go live. Cathal was thanked for his work.

The principal presented a report on life in St. Cuan's College since the Board's previous meeting on February 13th and the Board expressed appreciation for the ongoing work of the principal, deputy principal, other staff and students.

The Board received reports from its Ethos, Pastoral Care and Religious Education sub-committee and Finance sub-committee and related matters were discussed, e.g. support for priests who preside at School Masses and future planning of same, Religious Education going forward, the preparation of the school budget for 2017/18. The Board also noted that St. Cuan's College would not be in a position to subsidize student transportation to or from the college from September.

The Board also welcomed news that a recent Bingo Fundraiser (March 19th) had gone well and expressed thanks to the Staff Fundraising Committee, Parents' Association and students who came up with the idea and helped out. It also praised all associated with the planning and running of St. Cuan's TY Tractor run on March 26th.

It was agreed that staff proposals in relation to school time-tabling 2017/18 would be brought to the next Board meeting and that the principal would speak about the 2017/18 staffing allocation. By then the principal's appeal to the Department of Education & Skills for more teaching hours is likely to be known.

The Board also approved a request from the principal to convene parent-teach meetings for Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate students.

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.