

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

**Board of Management
Meeting of Monday May 23rd 2017
6.00 – 8.30 pm**

AGREED REPORT

The Board welcomed Ms Louise McNamara (Director of the Financial Support Services Unit of the JMB), Mr. Andrew Kevitt (Auditor, Walsh O'Brien Harnett) and Bishop Kevin Doran (Patron, St. Cuan's College) via Skype connection to the meeting.

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 and on St. Cuan's College school community. Exam students, their families and teachers were remembered very specially.

Bishop Kevin expressed regret that he was unable to present for the End-of-Year Thanksgiving Gathering that he proposed to the Board of Management in April.

Mr. Kevitt and Ms McNamara presented a review of St. Cuan's College's finances 2011 – 2016, a discussion followed in relation to forward-planning and Bishop Kevin thanked Mr. Kevitt, Ms McNamara and the Board for their work in this area.

The Board had a discussion with Bishop Kevin concerning requests he made earlier in the year as patron. Matters discussed included religious education going forward, the Elphin Diocese's Post-Primary Religious Education policy document, recent meetings between members of the Board's Religious Education, Ethos and Pastoral Care sub-committee and clergy of neighbouring parishes, St. Cuan's engagement to date with the Catholic Schools Partnership's *'Understanding and Living the Ethos in a Catholic Voluntary Secondary School – a process centred on conversations'* and plans to recreate a Prayer Room in St. Cuan's College.

The principal presented a report on life in St. Cuan's College since the Board's previous meeting on April 24th and the Board expressed appreciation for the ongoing work of the principal, deputy principal, other staff and students.

A discussion concerning health and safety also took place and it was agreed that the principal would write to parents in late August / early September requesting that students not be dropped off or collected from the Ballymacward Road entrance and that parents not park or pull-up at this entrance.

The Board's Policy Sub-committee communicated updates in relation to St. Cuan's Critical Incident Management Policy, Code of Behaviour & Discipline Policies, Dignity at Work and Anti-Bullying (Staff) policy, Protected Disclosures policy and Uniform policy. Related consultation with staff, parents and students via the Student Council is to begin in September.

The Board were informed that a proposal to host a Faith, Fun and Friendship Summer Camp in St. Cuan's College had been withdrawn.

The chairperson, on behalf of the Board, presented a voucher and bouquet of flowers to the secretary in appreciation of her work on behalf of the Board since the Board took up office in October 2016 and a voucher to the Deputy Principal in appreciation of his cooperation and support of the Board in exercising its responsibilities.

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