

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

**Board of Management
Meeting of Monday June 22nd 2017
7.30 – 10.30 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 and on St. Cuan's College school community.

The principal shared that parents interested in availing of a private bus service had formed a committee and engaged the services of Mr. Martin Donohue for the coming school year. The Board welcomed this development.

The principal presented a report on life in St. Cuan's College since the Board's previous meeting on May 23rd and the Board expressed appreciation for the ongoing work of the principal, deputy principal, other staff and students.

The Board reviewed current strategies adopted by St. Cuan's to encourage attendance by students. Concern was expressed that a small minority of students missed a lot of school days in 2016/2017. The Board welcomed the termination of the ASTI dispute and the fact that staff were now free to support St. Cuan's meet its legal responsibilities in the areas of whole school planning, self-evaluation and strategic planning.

Following receipt of a report on the selection and interview procedures followed in relation to the recruitment of a Religious Education Teacher for the school year 2017/18 the Board ratified the appointment of Mr. Kevin McGeeney. It also agreed to the reappointment of two part-time temporary teachers in September, i.e. Ms Audrey Slevin and Ms Noreen Coen.

The Board learned that the JMB had undertaken a HR Audit in St. Cuan's and it agreed to consider the report that would emanate from this audit at its September meeting.

The Board discussed and approved a budget for St. Cuan's for the school year 2017/2018.

The Board approved, subject to the approval of the patron, an application to the Department of Education and Skills, for St. Cuan's to build an Autism Spectrum Disorder Unit in support of current and future students who could benefit from such a facility.

The Board approved six school policy documents prepared and recommended by the Board's Policy Sub-committee, i.e. (1) Critical Incident Management Policy, (2) Code of Behaviour, (3) Discipline Policy, (4) Dignity at Work and Anti-Bullying (Staff) policy, (5) Protected Disclosures policy and (6) Uniform policy.

The Board received a brief report on a JMB Education and the Law conference held in Dublin in May and noted St. Cuan's would be expected, with JMB support, to prepare for new general data protection regulations in 2018, to ensure that all employments under the authority of the Board were in order and to ensure readiness for unannounced Workplace Relations Inspections.

The Board's three sub-committees, i.e. (i) Finance, (ii) Policy and (iii) Ethos, Pastoral Care and Religious Education (EPCRE) agreed to meet to advance their work between mid-August and mid-September.

The Board agreed to review St. Cuan's Post-Leaving Certificate provision during 2017/2018.

The Board agreed to meet again on September 18th and concluded the meeting by invoking the intercession of Our Lady and St. Cuan on the work of the Board and on St. Cuan's College school community.