

**Diocese of Elphin
St. Cuan's College
Board of Management
Meeting of Monday 5th Oct. 2020
7pm- 8pm Online**

AGREED REPORT

1. The meeting was lead in prayer by Fr. Ray Sweeney.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were ratified and adopted.
3. In keeping with Department of Education & Skills guidelines the meeting took place online with the aid of the Zoom Video Conferencing App.
4. The Principal's Monthly Report to the Board and Child Protection Oversight Report were presented by Collette Kennedy Walsh. Collette included the following
 - a. The major activities that had taken place before returning to school in September in relation to re-opening. This included availing of a Minor Works scheme so that the building across the road could be renovated for use by 2nd years, installation of sanitization points etc.
 - b. Work by Breege Hallinan and Padraic Mannion during the summer in preparing the school for re-opening in August.
 - c. The re-designing of the school web site by Pat Moroney during the summer so as to make the content more accessible and user-friendly.
 - d. The appointment of new staff members for 2022/21, i.e. Maria Cooney (Irish and English), Ailish Dooley (Irish - Maternity Cover) and Eva Jennings (ASD unit).
5. The Chairperson thanked the staff for their work during the lockdown period (March – June) and for their work over the summer in support of reopening in late August /early September.
6. The Board received a report from the secretary regarding the awarding of predictive grades to St. Cuan's Leaving Cert and Junior Cert classes of 2020. The Secretary noted the majority of students were happy with their results and that a few past students who were unhappy were being assisted through the Department of Education's review process. The secretary also thanked Ms Audrey Slevin for her work in coordinating the predicted grades and all LC and JC teachers for cooperating with the process.
7. The Finance sub-committee reported on St. Cuan's finances and related matters, e.g. additional expenses generated by Covid 19 pandemic, further investment in IT in support of student learning. The Board commended the School Leadership Team for their prudent use of available funding and thanked the sub-committee for their report. It also welcomed investment in the

college's security and ICT infrastructure and web site.

8. The Board expressed appreciation that the new Prayer Room was complete, available to staff and students (in keeping with Covid 19 restrictions) and had come in under budget. It also expressed appreciation to St. Cuan's Chaplain, Kevin McGeeney, for his work regarding Covid 19 procedures regarding the Prayer Room. The new prayer room is to host the Beginning of the Year Mass on Friday 9th October.
9. The Board were informed that the tender process for a Design Team (e.g. Architect, Quantity Surveyor, Engineers etc.) had concluded and that the successful applicants had met with representatives of the Board (the Chairperson & Seamus Meehan) and the School Leadership Team (Principal & Deputy Principal) to advance both the design and planning. This meeting was also informed of the Board's decision to seek additional approval and funding from the Department of Education for more toilets and facilities to support the education of children with additional educational needs.
10. The Board reviewed a draft Additional Educational Needs Policy Document that some staff and school leadership had developed. A number of questions were raised. The board requested that the views of parents of students with additional educational needs be sought and that they be invited to name issues and concerns they would like to see addressed in the policy.
11. The meeting concluded with a Prayer.
12. The next meeting was set for Monday 23rd Nov.2020