MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2024

AGREED REPORT

The Board extended its best wishes staff on sick leave and on maternity leave.

The acting Principal's written report briefed the board on a wide range of issues including:

- (a) The many sporting engagements and successes of students, including the great success of Cora McNaughton whom the board congratulated on her success in the Munster and National sailing championships. Best wishes were extended to Adela Sebaeva in the Scottish Open Irish dancing championships.
- (b) The commencement on Tuesday 26th of a new Secretary, Ms Wendy O'Connor.
- (c) The college now being on Instagram and facebook
- (d) The allocation of 130 hours for SET in 2024-2025, same allocation as for the current year.
- (e) The preparations to date and upcoming for the establishment of an LCA class in September.
- (f) The staff arranging the Movie Night for Junior Cycle students
- (g) The active role of the Parents' Association, including their engagement in the Movie Night
- (h) The successful holding of the mock exams
- (i) The completion of hedge cutting during midterm.

The college accounts for the 2022-2023 school year were received from the external accountant and approved by the Board. These now go to the Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU) and the college trustees (CEIST). Accounts for the current school year to 31 January were also examined and approved by the meeting.

The acting Principal presented proposals for advancing the work of finalising the strategic plan and this item will be on the agenda for the upcoming board meetings.

Student attendance was discussed, and the acting Principal presented a report which analysed absences. He told the meeting that year heads were extensively engaged in efforts to increase attendance.

Applications for career breaks and job shared were considered and decided upon.

The Board again thanked teachers who have assisted with the provision of tuition to students in the context of the difficulty of recruiting substitute teachers.

Leaving Certificate students were wished every success with their oral exams at Easter and the Music practical exam. The JC students were also wished the best of luck with their upcoming Home Economics and Music practical exams.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, 10 April 2024.