

## Board Meeting Agreed Report – April 29<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Minutes from the meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup> were accepted and the agenda for this meeting was adopted.

### **Principal's Report:**

#### *School Activities & Events*

- The Board was updated on recent student activities, including trips for History, Politics and Society and Geography students, as well as the recent Spanish exchange trip. Workshops also took place for 1st Year Science students and 3rd Year English students. The Board was briefed on wellbeing activities, including the whole-school wellbeing walk and a talk on addiction for Senior students.
- The Board was updated on recent TY activities. Upcoming TY events were also highlighted including TY interviews and assessment, the TY Celebration and their trip to the Aran Islands.

#### *Staff CP*

- The Board was updated on recent staff CPD, including Professional Learning Events for teachers of Tranche 1 Senior Cycle subjects (Science subjects, Business, and Drama, Theatre & Film Studies). Further Senior Cycle Redevelopment CPD will take place on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered to the whole staff by Oide.

#### *PGC Update*

- The Board was updated on the work of the PGC and thanked for the following:
  - Consultation around our draft Wellbeing Policy and speakers in this area
  - Assistance during the whole-school wellbeing walk
  - Upcoming consultation around Learning and Teaching

#### *Student Council Update*

The student council members updated the Board on the work of the council on the following:

- Microwaves have now been installed in the GP area and are in use.
- 3rd Years have been recently granted permission to leave the school premises on long lunch days (Mondays and Wednesdays), following a recent survey.
- The school is currently exploring the possibility of having a food company on site to provide lunches. The Student Council proposed to send out a survey to parents and students to gauge interest.
- The success of the Graffiti wall continues. A member of the Student Council cleans it periodically.
- Work is ongoing on the Student Yearbook. This is student-led, with a committee of 6th Year students currently working on collecting content. It is hoped that it will be ready for Graduation Night.
- A meeting has taken place about the 6th Year Celebration Night with students and teachers. It will take place on Thurs 22nd May.
- The end-of-year whole school assembly will take place on the final day of the school year, which will allow students to reflect on successes of the year gone by.
- Sports Day will take place on Monday 19th May.

The Student Council was thanked for its ongoing work.

### **Teaching and Learning:**

- Initial Feedback from our English Inspection of April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> was shared with the Board. The inspection was a very positive and productive experience. We await the official report from the Inspectorate, which is expected in the coming days. Members of the English Department were commended for their collaboration and subject planning.
- The work of the Teaching and Learning Team is ongoing. Staff and student surveys and focus groups have been completed, and feedback has been shared with staff. Key feedback from students was shared with the Board. Students were also surveyed on positive behaviour and AI. This data will feed into school improvement planning. Further consultation with parents and guardians will follow.
- We will introduce the Leaving Cert Applied Programme in September 2025 and we have been supported by the DE with our planning for the programme.
- Our Democratic Education Short Course for 1<sup>st</sup> Years has been very successful in its first year. Representatives from the school will attend a Negotiated Learning Conference in UL on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers will make a presentation on the day, and our students will also attend, to showcase their project work.

### **Other Updates:**

- Motions for the upcoming ET ATM were discussed. The Chair of the Board, Brian Hughes will attend as Voting Delegate, on behalf of the Board.
- Work on upgrading our toilets and doors has been completed. Work will take place on the roof over the summer holidays.
- Our admissions process for 2024-2025 is complete with all offers made and accepted. A waiting list is in place.
- Child Protection Oversight Report was completed.
- Anti-bullying Oversight Report was completed.
- The financial accounts were reviewed and signed off by the Finance Sub-Committee.

**Next Board of Management meeting is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**