

Board Meeting Agreed Report – May 7th 2026

The Minutes from the meeting of March 26th were accepted and the agenda for this meeting was adopted.

Principal's Report:

- The Board was informed of a wide range of school activities that have taken place, including a student visit to China and Active Schools Week. 1st Year students participated in Futurewise Science workshops. 5th Year students attended Drama, Film and Theatre workshops at the University of Galway, while Politics & Society students and the Concern Debating team engaged with visiting politicians Helen Ogbu and Ivana Bacik.
- A meeting of the PGC took place last night, Wednesday May. Work is ongoing on a new constitution, as well as reflecting on this year and planning ahead for next year. A wide range of subject-specific recent staff CPD was shared with the Board, as well as CPD in the areas of leadership and SEN. Members of the PGC committee were thanked for their ongoing support.
- Student Council representatives provided an overview of the work of the student council this year. The Council has been productive this year, with lots of healthy debate and dialogue. Items that were raised were adequately addressed and the Council has felt heard and supported. Responsibility has been evenly spread among members from all year groups. They are confident that the council will continue to grow and thrive in the coming academic year. The voting for next year's council will open early in the new year. Gratitude was extended to all Council members for their work and commitment throughout the year.
- A wide range of subject-specific recent staff CPD was shared with the Board, as well as CPD in the areas of SEN, student care and technology-mediated learning.

Teaching and Learning:

- SSE: The school is currently at the evaluation stage. A comprehensive ("catch-all") survey is being administered to gather feedback on Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBS), the Digital Strategy, and Wellbeing and will issue in the coming weeks. The new Year Head structure will form part of our further work in the area of PBS in the coming year.
- The Board was given an LCA update, which included details of the recent activities and assessments.
- The Board was also given an update on Junior Cycle, Transition Year and Senior Cycle activities, as well as updates on new curriculum requirements in the areas of Senior Cycle PE and SPHE.
- A range of practical examinations and assessments have taken place, including Music and Home Economics practicals, LCVP examinations, the Leaving Certificate Art examination, as well as LCA task interviews and Spanish oral examinations.
- Teaching staff have completed NCSE Support workshops with Deirdre Whitlow of the NCSE on target setting for mainstream SEN students. Further training is planned in the area of co-teaching in the coming academic year.
- Work is ongoing as the school prepares to renew its Apple Distinguished School status, with the updated application due on 15th June. As part of the submission, a 3-minute video showcasing Imagine, Inspire, and Impact is required.
- Erasmus+: An update was provided on current Erasmus+ activities, including French and Spanish mobilities.

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.
- The SPHE, RSE and SEN policies are currently under review.
- The Child Protection Oversight Report was completed.
- The Anti-bullying oversight report was completed.
- 6 CID applications were approved by the Board.
- All 72 places have been filled for the coming academic year, with a large number of applicants remaining on the waiting list.

Date of next meeting: June 4th