



Agreed Report of Board of Management meeting held on Wednesday 25th March at 11.15

PRESENT:

Ms. C. Morey
Ms S. Flynn
Ms M. Loughnane
Ms. C. Cashman
Mr H. Crowley
Ms N. O'Donovan
Ms K. Dixon
Mr. P. Burke (Secretary to the Board)

APOLOGIES:

Ms. U. O' Donnell
Ms. MA Cotter
Ms. K. O'Sullivan

Ms K. Dixon was welcomed to the Board of Management as a nominee of Cork ETB.

At the start of the meeting Mr P Burke spoke of the contribution that the founding Principal, Mr Michael Shields made to the school. The school community is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our founding Principal, Mr Michael Shields. Michael was appointed as Principal of Carrigaline Community School in 1981, before our school building was even open and led the growth of the school through to 1999. His legacy of creating a happy, caring and inclusive school which prioritises personal and academic excellence and encourages a strong sense of social responsibility based on mutual respect lives on in testament to the vision Michael had for the school all those years ago.

Our condolences to Michael's family at this sad time, particularly to his wife, Mary, a great friend to the school and former member of our Board of Management. Our deepest sympathies to all of Michael's family and friends, including Keri and Hugh, his grandchildren and current students of CCS.

A minute's silence was observed in honour of his memory.

- **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board noted a number of items of correspondence.

1. FINANCE:

Re-registration fees (voluntary) – update, an improvement has been noted since the move to fees on VSWare.

Applications for funding – updates

- Furniture & Equipment applications pending:
 - Home Economics – granted
 - Physical Education – in process
 - Art – nothing yet
 - Music – nothing yet

2. ACCS:

- Advice ongoing
- Convention 2026 – attended by Chair and Board Secretary, Killarney March 4th – 6th
- Education Convention 2026 – Mr Burke took part in a local Education Convention hosted in Kinsale Community School in recent days.

3. HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE:

The Board reviewed in full the Child Protection Oversight Report and the Bí Cineálta Report.

4. TEACHING & LEARNING / SSE:

Tackling lateness has been a recent focus in the school. Parents have been given information and reminders on the newsletter. In addition, Assistant Year Heads and Year Heads are putting an extra focus on punctuality to school with the students.

5. BUILDINGS

- Boiler – progress update, Mr Burke is meeting with the main contractor for the replacement boilers to establish a suitable timeline for the project. The planning permission has been applied for the Biomass boiler.
- Application for locker replacements has been submitted as some of the lockers are in a poor state and are nearly 40 years old.
- Astra Construction have given a generous donation to cover the cost of replacing the netting on the top pitch and they have also volunteered to do some landscaping around the coffee dock area. Sincere thanks to Mr Stephen McCarthy for his support.

POLICY ADOPTION / REVIEW:

Minor amendment to LCA entry requirements policy were adopted.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Planning 2026/2027:

- School Show – thanks to Ms C Mullaney and Mr A McGrath for their work the past years on the school show. We thank Ms L Duggan and Mr D Hickey for agreeing to take on the school show for next year and we wish them the best of luck.
- Chromebooks – the current first years are in the process of ordering their Chromebooks for delivery in September. It has been noted that the current second years ICT skills have improved and the standard of CBA's has improved with the greater accessibility of the Chromebooks by having the 1:1 devices.
- Sporting success – thank you to all the students and staff involved in ECA, well done to all involved. We have had some major success in the sporting arena this year. Unfortunately, our U19 footballers were beaten in the All Ireland semi-final in recent weeks, but well done to all involved in getting to this stage.
- Parents Association meeting with Student Council will happen after Easter.
- Newsletter to Parents / Guardians continues and is a useful method of communicating with parents and acknowledging and celebrating successes.

Any other business including:

Next meeting Thursday 28th May at 11.15am