



Minutes of Board of Management Meeting
Agreed Report
10th February 2026

Chairperson: Andrew McCarthy **Minutes taken by:** Elaine O' Regan

Present:

Andrew McCarthy, Ray O' Mullane, John Hannon, Dr. Tommy Carroll, Una Brosnan, Conor Stokes, Siobhan O' Donovan & Elaine O' Regan

Apologies: John O' Sullivan,

Prayer

Agenda	Discussion Points/Decisions Made
Minutes	<p>The Board adopted the minutes the Ordinary General Meeting of 2nd December 2025, proposed by John Hannon and seconded by Una Brosnan.</p> <p>The Board adopted the minutes the Special General Meeting of 15th January 2026, proposed by Ray O' Mullane and seconded by John Hannon.</p> <p>The Board adopted the minutes the Special General Meeting of 19th January 2026, proposed by Una Brosnan and seconded by Ray O' Mullane.</p>
Matters Arising	Update on Chapel, Gender Pay Gap, Engineering Service Reports, Pension – Auto enrolment and Proposal re astroturf.
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence from staff. All leave that was applied for was granted. • Correspondence from external agencies. • Financial Accounts Approved. <p>The Board thanks all staff, students, and parents for their ongoing support and commitment to the school.</p>
Anti- bullying	The Principal reported that there had been no bullying issues since the last Board meeting. Appendix D - Guide to providing Bullying Behaviour Update for Board of Management meeting of Patrician Academy, Mallow was used.
CPOR	The Board noted the Child Protection Oversight Report. No concerns to note. The CPOR was proposed by Ray O' Mullane and seconded by Siobhan O'Donovan.

<p>Teaching and Learning & School Development Planning</p>	<p>Teaching and Learning & School Development Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standardisation of School Calendar 2026-27 & 2027-28 & 2028-29 has been published. Staff currently voting on return to school next year. <p>Minimum school days Post-primary schools must be open for tuition for all students for a minimum of 166 full school days. Where for logistical reasons, it is not possible for schools to be open to receive all students on the commencement of the school year and the school operates a staggered return at the start of the school year, this arrangement is limited to a maximum of two tuition days within the 166 days. All students must attend for tuition on the third day of the school year without exception.</p> <p><u>Outside of these two days providing for a staggered return, days on which not all students attend do not count towards the 166-day requirement.</u></p> <p>Schools should note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February mid-term for post-primary schools is normally a five-day closure This break may be reduced by up to three days where contingency arrangements are required (Mon - Weds - Feb Mid-term) Schools must remain closed on the Thursday and Friday of the February mid-term week in all cases The scheduling of such days must not be used to extend or modify the periods set out in this circular in respect of mid-term, Christmas or Easter breaks save where religious observance requirements of a school under a particular patronage make this necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft version of a Policy on Unforeseen School Closures was disseminated to the Board and will be discussed at the next Board & Staff Meeting. Meitheal – applications from TY CAT4 took place on last Saturday 7th February for incoming 1st Years – full attendance
<p>Principal’s Report</p>	<p>The Board of Management received the Principal’s report on recent school activities and achievements. Key points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent–Teacher Engagement: The 5th Year Parent–Teacher Meeting was held, with strong attendance and very positive feedback from parents.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments: Mock examinations for Leaving Certificate students will run over a two-week period, with Junior Cycle and LCA examinations taking place in the final week. • School Book Grant Scheme: There is currently no update regarding the School Book Grant Scheme for the 2026–27 academic year. • School Production: Preparations are well underway for the production of <i>Sive</i>, which will be staged in the Everyman Palace Theatre on 23rd and 24th February 2026. • Extra- and Co-Curricular Activities: A broad programme of activities has taken place across all year groups, including numerous sporting fixtures, educational trips, robotics competitions, enterprise initiatives, guest speakers, and workshops. Healthy Eating Week, Careers-related talks, Digital Learning initiatives, LCA interviews, and TY activities have also been delivered. All required parental consent for trips and activities has been appropriately managed. • Wellbeing and Community Engagement: Students have participated in a range of wellbeing and charitable initiatives, including fundraising events, awareness campaigns, seasonal celebrations, and community outreach activities. <p>The Board acknowledged and thanked all staff for their dedication in facilitating the extensive co- and extra-curricular programme. Special recognition was extended to staff involved in sports coaching, Careers Week, Academy’s Got Talent, the Christmas Carol Service, VEX Robotics, and student leadership initiatives. The Board also conveyed best wishes to Director Monica White and the cast of <i>Sive</i> for their upcoming production and thanked the wider school community for their continued generosity and support.</p>
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Next Meeting	Tuesday 21 st April 2026