

Agreed Report BOM 26th Feb 2025

In Attendance: Pauline McBrien, Lorna Shiels, Caroline Monks, Jennifer Bratten, Brenda Kearney

Welcome, Prayer and Apologies given. Condolences expressed to staff members on recent bereavements.

Minutes read through and agreed: 10th Dec 2024

Minutes read through and agreed: 13th February 2024

All minutes Proposed and Seconded

Correspondence was read out:

All correspondence was read to the board. Discussion and deliberation and decisions made where appropriate. Responses to be mailed back by the secretary with Board approval
Application to the EWS approved in response to the HSA findings.
Application to be forwarded to DES EW section.

Biennial review report from the working group presented and approved
Proposed and Seconded

CPOR presented to the Board and approved.

Anti-Bullying audit presented. Proposed and Seconded

CPOR: Discussion in relation to new Bi Cinealta procedures addressed

Update provided in relation to Storm Damage: Impact of Storm Eowyn on the School, disruption to teaching and learning and impact on the school building/equipment and appliances.

The Board discussed Circular 64/2024 and is aware of its responsibility to ensure appropriate procedures are in place in relation to the provision of SEN resources moving forwards.

Finance Sub-committee report presented and approved. Thanks to Anne Marie for producing regular, accurate accounts, reports and for restructuring areas of financial accountability.

Extent of Storm Eowyn was discussed and the difficulties presented by adverse weather in January for the school. Grateful appreciation to the staff and students for their flexibility and cooperation in very trying circumstances. Thanks to the caretaker for constant availability day and night throughout the school closure. The Board also thanked Lús na Gréine and the Granard Library staff and management for their support in providing rooms for classes to run so that school could partially reopen during power outages.

Principal's report presented.

The report began with the pre-Christmas events and fundraising. Cnoc Mhuire was delighted to be chosen as one of a small number of Ceist schools to be involved in producing and recording music pieces for the CEIST Principals Christmas meeting. This was online and some of our students read live. Well done and a huge thanks to all involved in the preparation of the video, music and readings.

In particular, the Principal commended the staff and students for their flexibility and resilience in the aftermath of Storm Eowyn. Teaching and learning continued during this difficult period with the support of the wider school community, particular thanks provided to them and to Granard Library and Lus na Greine.

An outline of the many sports competitions, training, clubs and groups that are a regular feature of school life was noted. The Junk Kouture competition was very successful and 2 dresses are through. Good wishes were expressed.

This time of year is busy for guidance, CAO applications, college/university visits and the student senior options night for 3rd and TYs.

Agreed minutes prepared and written

The date of the next meeting to be decided.