

Board of Management

Cnoc Mhuire Granard



Meeting: Wednesday, 4th February 2026

Agreed Report of the Board of Management Meeting

School: Cnoc Mhuire, Granard

Attendance: Niall Flynn (Chairperson), Jennifer McCabe (Secretary), John Kennedy (Accountant), Mark Hanlon, Ursula Donohoe, Kathleen Beatty, Sharon Rabbitt.

Apologies: Vincent Mulvey, Lorna Shiels, Aileen Devaney.

1. Welcome & Prayer

The meeting opened with a prayer led by the Chairperson, welcoming the arrival of Spring and seeking blessings for a season of growth, peace, and prosperity for the school community.

2. Accounts Presentation

John Kennedy from Casey Kavanagh Accountants presented the school accounts. The accounts were formally signed by the Chairperson, Niall Flynn, and co-signed by Board Representative, Mark Hanlon.

3. Correspondence: Staff Leave and Work Arrangements

The Board reviewed several applications for various leave and work arrangements. Following a discussion on the impact on school staffing and organisation.

4. Wellbeing Inspection

The Board was briefed on the upcoming **Promotion of Wellbeing in Schools** evaluation (inspection) scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd of March.

5. Finance

Ancillary staff salaries were reviewed.

6. Ratifications

- **NEWB Guidelines:** The Board ratified the adoption of the *Guidelines for Suspension and Expulsion (2008)*.
- **School Works:** Peter Bluett was ratified as the consultant for the emergency works application.
- **Trips Away/ Abroad Policy:** This remains in progress and was noted as not yet completed.

7. Child Protection & Bullying

- **Child Protection:** The Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR) was completed and submitted with a "nil" return for all entries.
- **Bullying:** The Principal provided a verbal summary of bullying incidents reported since the last meeting. The Board acknowledged and discussed the report.

8. Whole School Development / Teaching and Learning

- **Academic Tracking:** The school has purchased **Athena** software to monitor student progress and identify those needing targeted support.
- **Gifted and Talented:** A focus on high-achieving students continues, with a presentation by Dr. Fidelma Healy Eames scheduled for the March Croke Park meeting.
- **STEM:** The school is exploring the introduction of **Computer Science**. A grant application for €11,000 has been submitted to Longford County Council for equipment.
- **School Self-Evaluation (SSE):** A new focus area for the next three-year cycle is being identified, with a continued emphasis on questioning strategies.
- **Phone Pouches:** Mobile phone pouches (funded by the DEIS grant) are set for a rollout around March 18th. Policies and parent communications are currently in development.

9. Principal's Report & AOB

Due to time constraints, a digital copy of the Principal's Report will be circulated to members, and all items under Any Other Business (AOB) were deferred to the next meeting.