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St. Michael's National School Board of Management Agreed Report 3rd April 2025

- 164 pupils on roll. School expects to reach threshold for appointment of seventh mainstream teacher in 25/26 with appointment of teacher in September '26.
- Based on projections, it is expected that there will be at least 166 pupils on roll for September '25.
- Attendance for year stands at 89.7%, a reduction of 0.1% from 23/24. Attendance levels have improved significantly in March following lower levels in February due to extensive illness. Board informed of attendance drive scheduled for next week.
- Draft Bí Cineálta Policy and pupil-friendly policy presented to the board. Policy to be formally ratified at our end of year meeting in June.
- Board informed of staff allocations for 25/26. One class to have job sharing arrangement in place while two streams will be split. Parents to be informed after Easter.
- Board informed of support from Oide for our In-school Management Team (ISM) and the positive feedback of our current practices.
- The success of our Literacy in-class support model was noted. This intensive support with all SET supporting class teacher to be extended to infant room after Easter.
- 3 NEPS Assessments and 3 Dyslexia Assessments completed this year to support pupils with SEN's.
- Castlepollard Hurling Club complemented for their engagement with the school. It is hoped this arrangement will become a permanent measure going forward.
- Parent's Association thanked for their assistance with recent events and their financial contribution towards the winter outings for each class.
- School to engage in DE's Summer Programme. The Primary School Scheme will run for two weeks while the DEIS camp, comprising of 24 pupils will run for one.
- New school website will be operational by end of May it is expected.
- School does not reach the threshold to access EAL hours for 25/26. Pupils where English is not their primary language will be supported by our SET Team from September next.
- An application is being made to Westmeath County Council to create a new gateway leading from Kingscourt. This measure will have a positive impact on traffic once operational.
- The school calendar was agreed and will be distributed to parents in June with reports.