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St. Michael's National School Board of Management Agreed Report 25th November 2024

- 161 pupils on roll. School may reach threshold for appointment of seventh mainstream teacher in 25/26.
- Admission process to commence in early December. This is necessary to comply with new NCSE rules regarding the enrolment of pupils to special classes by Feb. 1st.
- Attendance for year stands at 91.7%, an improvement of almost 2% from 23/24. Almost 3% improvement for November compared with last year. Continued emphasis on attendance actions as part of DEIS planning.
- Ms. Reilly's appointment as DDLP was approved by the board.
- Board informed of new anti-bullying procedures, Bí Cineáltas. New policy with strategies to be worked on after Christmas with new policy in place for 25/26 school year.
- Review of current anti-bullying policy was completed at the meeting. Notification to Patron and PA to be sent.
- Updated SNA Policy and Teacher Leave Policy ratified by the board. Policies available upon request.
- Updated History Policy to be presented for our next meeting. Geography, PE, and Language Policies will be undertaken in 2025.
- Parents Association complimented for their involvement in school events recently and their financial support. Witch Walk money has been used to improvement infant play area, purchase new goals, sports equipment, and improvements to sensory room.
- Board informed of upcoming fundraiser for ASD classes by selection of parents and in association with Townspark Vintage Club. Use of funds to support pupils with vital supports (OT, S&L) and engagement with activities agreed.
- School to engage with DE and apply for solar panels. Works to be completed in the summer of '25.
- Status of building project discussed. Stage 2B with Design Team (DT) to add additional information for DE.
- Board informed that Mergon had been contacted and to request that heavy goods vehicles would refrain from passing the school during opening and closing times. This issue will be reviewed constantly.
- Official school Facebook account being created and will be linked to new website. Both will be in place by the end of the school year it is expected.
- Food Dudes Healthy Eating initiative to be undertaken. A discussion on healthy eating was held with emphasis on treats currently consumed. A Healthy Eating Policy will be drafted with parents and pupils central to the process.