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St. Michael's National School Board of Management Agreed Report 30th January 2023.

- 151 pupils on roll. With 20 sixth class leaving in June, based on projections, sixth mainstream teacher will be maintained.
- Admissions notice available to view on our website. School will accept applications to junior infants for September '23 from February 13th. 2 places available in our ASD classes.
- Despite a fall in attendance rates in December and January, overall school attendance figures are up 2.6% on January '22.
- Child Protection oversight report was brought before the board.
- Three half day webinars planned this academic year as part of roll out of Primary Language Curriculum (PLC). School will combine two of these webinars to form a full day closure on Wednesday, February 15th. Final half day closure to be taken in final term.
- School support and school support plus meetings are scheduled for mid-February. Parents of pupils involved will meet with staff involved in person.
- School now has 15 hours weekly to support recently enrolled pupils where English is not their first language.
- Swimming has been arranged for our senior classes commencing on March 7th.
- The schools engagement in the musicals organised annually by The Arts Centre was discussed. It was agreed this was a positive measure and one that should be continued.
- Parents Association were praised for their fundraising efforts and assistance with a number of school events this year such as Santa visit and Grandparents Day. Water Street Hall Association were also thanked for their continued support of school events at their premises.
- Walkway around perimeter of school field to be completed this summer. Current fundraising will be used to develop playground equipment for our infant classes.
- Temporary accommodation on schedule for completion mid-March. Stage 1A report for new building to be sent to DES this week.
- A new bike shelter will be erected before the Easter break. This was sourced through Westmeath County Council.

- Reduction in cleaning hours for the school due to the enhanced Covid cleaning grant being withdrawn by DES.
- Confirmation to be held on Tuesday, February 21st while the communion ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 21st.
- Board agreed to limit the number of transition year students requesting work experience to two pupils per academic year. Past pupils with a genuine interest in primary teaching will be given priority.
- A homework club has been established utilising funds through Westmeath Community Development. A requirement of the club was the inclusion of a proportion of our Ukrainian population. The club is now in operation with 14 pupils taking part, 5 of whom are Ukrainian.