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St. Michael's National School Board of Management Agreed Report 12th February 2026

- 168 pupils on roll. DEY staffing schedule to publish in coming weeks with threshold for appointment of additional teachers. Likely to increase to eight mainstream classes.
- Attendance for year stands at 92.3%, an increase of 2.2% on the same period last year. Attendance drive planned for week after mid-term break.
- School approved to engage in DEY's new attendance pilot programme *Anseo* for 26/27.
- Child Protection Oversight Report brought before the board. Review of current policy completed. New updated policy to be ratified at next meeting in April.
- Draft curricular policies to be ratified by end of school term. Display and policy on Access, Custody and Separation ratified by the board.
- Teaching and Learning: Board informed of Oide support day with focus on informal Irish. All classes to engage in measures to improve this area as a starting point.
- The issue of non-payment for activities was discussed. For May/June activities, it was agreed that payment (or part of) must be paid prior to engagement.
- Two assessments completed by NEPS this week related to transition to post-primary.
- Process to organise Summer Programme will commence shortly or when DEY publishes guidance. Staffing has been arranged in advance of this.
- Board examined Key Principle 2 (Inclusive School Culture) & 3 (A Collaborative approach) as part of its review of Special Education in the school. Principle 4, Wellbeing to be explored at next SET termly meeting.
- No career break applications for 26/27 school year. Job share applications approved. Parents to be informed of such changes in due course.
- DEIS plans being reviewed and will be approved at end of year meeting. Questionnaires for parents and pupils will be used as part of evidence gathering process.
- Success of the recent Christmas plays and musicals. Agreed that in future Art Centre musical and Christmas nativity plays every second year.
- Grandparents thanked for visiting the school as part of Catholic School's Week celebration. Thanks to PA for assisting with refreshments.
- Confirmation from DEY Building Unit that building project will not proceed in 27/28 following announcement of Nation Development Plan recently.
- The school calendar was finalised and approved. Parents to receive same next week.