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St. Michael's National School Board of Management Agreed Report 15th September 2025.

- 171 pupils on roll. School expects to appoint a seventh & eighth mainstream for September should last year's thresholds remain.
- Attendance for year stands at 95.2%, an increase of just under 3% from September last year. School was not chosen for the DEY's Attendance Pilot Programme, *Anseo*.
- Board informed that Bí Cineálta policy is now active. School has registered for the FUSE programme which focuses on online activity for classes third to sixth. Barnardos online workshop arranged for senior classes next October.
- Language, Geography and P.E policies are being drafted and will be ratified during this academic year.
- Ms. Alana Gilsean and Ms. Emer Bell were formally ratified for the fixed term and part-time fixed term positions followed July's interviews. Mr. Matthew Doyle will work 5 hrs per week this year in SET, while based in St. Mary's Collinstown.
- NEPS planning meeting expected for late September where pupils prioritised for assessment in 25/26 will be discussed. Sixth class pupils transitioning will be chosen initially, due to earlier enrolment dates for post-primary schools.
- Child Protection Oversight Report presented to the board. Board informed of new CP Procedures 25. Changes must be adopted by Dec. '26.
- New DEIS plans to be formulated this year and will commence in September '26. New weekly 'Care meetings' to discuss and address issues such as pupil attendance, uniforms and other factors that hinder progression introduced for this year.
- School Support meetings will be held next week for mainstream pupils and slightly later for ASD classes due to changes made to staffing in these classes.
- New school website is still being developed. Facebook page to be introduced before the end of September.
- Annual Witch Walk has been arranged for Thursday, October 23rd due to the presidential election being held on the 24th.
- Board informed of three school closures for training/in-service. These dates have been communicated to parents and our calendar updated accordingly.
- Problems with school lunches were discussed and the issues relating to waste. The school will examine possible amendments to improve this situation.