St. David's Board 22nd May 2025 – Minutes

Present: Reverend Canon Craig McCauley (CMcC), Louise Gillespie (LG), Kelly Delaney (KD), Arlene Bowles McCarthy (ABM), Richard Lyons (RL), Claire Bolger (CM), Jeremy Minihane (JM)

1. **Opening prayer:**

CMcC opened in prayer.

2. **Conflict of Interest:** If anything comes up, BOM members to declare it.

3. **Approval of Minutes and Matters arising:**

CMcC congratulated KD on APII appointment.

CMcC signed and read the minutes from the previous meeting.

4. **Chairperson's Report:**

Ethos – how we enhance the ethos?/ build the relationship with the church.

CMcC created an Ethos document which he read part of them.

The board discussed ways in which the ethos of St. David's National School can be promoted.

5. **Principal's Report:**

Enrolment

Places have been offered to pupils for next year in classes where there are spaces. Currently there will be a space in 1st class but all other classes will be full.

Finance

Ipads have been purchased with ICT grant.

Staff

1. Junior/Senior- Ms. Delaney
2. 1st/ 2nd – Ms Sarah O Brien
3. 3rd/ 4th – Ms. Megan Murphy
4. 5th / 6th – Ms. Louise Gillespie.
5. Special Class – Ms Naomi Forrest
6. SET- Mrs. Hickey job sharing with Mrs Rachael Bramwell.
7. SET – Hannah McGuckin
8. EAL Support Teacher – Brendan McCormack

9. SNAs- Ms. Halpin (4 days) Livia Sheridan (1 day), Mrs. Julie Holt, Mrs Niamh Couch, Mrs Claire Kelly Mrs. Leanne Byrne (infant day), Mrs Veronica O'Driscoll (infant day)
10. Secretary- Miriam Tomkins
11. Bus Escorts – Mary Murphy and Avis Donovon

10 hours EAL support have been granted for next year.

School Tours:
Airfield – Junior end/special class
Goquest – Senior end

School Policies.

1. SET – LG and SET (Arlene Hickey) spent quite a lot of time on this. BOM happy to approve this.
2. Bi Cinéalta – children's policy currently being created and will be displayed around the school next year. There has to be a child's policy made by the children and displayed by the children. BOM approved this.
3. Admissions application form

Policies were signed by CMcC.

Curriculum
Books have been ordered under the book grant scheme
List of stationery to be sent to parents
School Calendar to be circulated to parents
6th class graduation to be held in the church on Tuesday the 17th of June at 6pm in St David's Church

Health and Safety/School building

1. Solar panels installed on 1st May
2. School was painted on 4th and 5th of May
3. Playground installed at the end of this month
4. Fence needs attention.

Question about what can be viewed on the Ipads. LG looked into this and is waiting for someone to come at a suitable time.

6. **Closing prayer:**

CMcC closed in prayer.