

It was noted that this was the final board meeting of the current board with all members ceasing to hold office on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. All Board members were thanked by the chair on behalf of the patron SMH for their dedication to the school over the past four years . Thanks was especially given to two board members who will not present for re-election Catriona Kirwan the female parent representative and Barbara McCarthy the teacher representative . Both served the board exceptionally well and we are very grateful to them for their time and their support over the four-year term of the board. The chairperson also thanked those board members for their willingness to offer to serve on the new board for the term 2023-2027 which will be constituted at a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Repair work has commenced on the roof and external north facing walls of the school. The Emergency works grant was signed off by the Department of education and we are very grateful to see this work finally begin. The school does not have a timeline for the completion of this work to date.

The school's recently reviewed child safeguarding statement was presented to the board for ratification. It is noted that as the roof repair work has begun, and construction companies are now on site, that the Child safeguarding statement and risk assessment and the school's Health and safety statement need to be reviewed again to include the building work. Both policies were ratified on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and have been uploaded to the website

A new four-year lease for the building is currently being reviewed and evaluated. A chartered surveyor has been appointed by the board to negotiate heads of terms with the landlord.

Child protection oversight report was presented to the board.

School is to receive funding from the Department of Education for school meals for all children.

Health and safety report was submitted and damage from storm DEBI was highlighted as this caused substantial damage to the roof and the walls on the north side of the building.

Four bus escorts have been appointed .

School will be closed for NUMERACY training on the 19<sup>th</sup> February

School has had no response from the NCSE / SENO to eight applications for SNA support lodged in June 2023 nor has the school received a date for the proposed SNA whole school review .

The following school policies were ratified:

1. Dignity at Work Policy
2. School Safety Statement 2023-2024
3. Admissions Policy 2023-2024

Board recommends that the school website be updated

