



# Board of Management

## Agreed Report

Date	20/09/2023
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- Several school staff completed an Educate Together Summer Course funded by the Board of Management to support the embedding of the Educate Together ethos and the updated patron's programme *Learn Together*
- Changes to pupil teacher ratios at national level can now be implemented more closely as admissions to the school have now become consistent and we have a full number of 16 mainstream classroom teachers. Class sizes are to be capped at 25. This means that as pupils leave our school, they will not be replaced if the class is over 25 children.
- The admissions policy will be updated in advance of the admissions process this year. The school has previously been operating a dual system of historical pre-enrolment and the new admissions process. The school has no more historical pre-enrolments and will move fully to the new admissions process. The update of the policy will be to reflect this. Any changes to an admissions policy will be shared for feedback in advance of ratification by the Board of Management with parent body. This is a requirement of Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018
- The Board of Management has nominated Paul Knox, treasurer, to run the process for seeking two parent nominees (male and female) to the Board of Management for the term 2023 – 2028. The first step will be to seek nominations who wish to seek election. This process will begin shortly.
- The Board wishes to recognise the pressure that the national substitute teacher crisis is placing on the daily management and organisation of the school. The amount of work required to ensure approved absences that the Department of Education provide substitute cover for are filled by substitute teachers, takes a large amount of the principal's time. This work ensures that classes are taught and our teachers of children with additional needs remain working in their roles and not redeployed to these classroom roles. It is important to note, that for much of approved leave, the Department of Education does not provide substitute cover.

- The Board wishes to commend the staff on the considerable levels of professional learning being undertaken to support and enhance the quality of learning, teaching and assessment and the organisational requirements of the school.
- The *ongoing* fundraising report was presented and is included below for your information from July 1<sup>st</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Ongoing report	
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
PTA funds at close of year	9,501
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
Small Walls	2,580
<b>Mural</b>	2,000
<b>Just For Fun Play Towers</b>	5,350

- The *annual* fundraising report for 2022/2023 was presented and is included for your information.

Overall surplus for next year's plan **1,622e**

Event name	Income	Fundraising for	Funds spent	Total spent
<b>Quiz 2022, Camino 2022</b>	10,000	Yard	1,845 - Small walls	9,778
<b>Bakesale 2022</b>			5,350 Just For Fun Play towers	<b>Surplus = 222</b>
<b>Sponsored Walk 2022</b>			Small wall 2,583	
<b>Quiz 2023, Camino 2023</b>	9,501	Yard	Mural 2,000	7,650
<b>Anonymous donation</b>			Buddy Bench 650	<b>Surplus =1,401</b>
			Artificial Grass 5,000	

- The fundraising plan for 2023/2024 is in the final stages of approval and will be published shortly.
- Finally the Board of Management reiterated our commitment to the Educate Together ethos and the centrality of the ethos in the role of the Boards work.