

**Knocknacarra Educate Together NS**  
**Board of Management Meeting**  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 19.00**

**Present:** Paul Adams (chairperson), Jennifer Noonan, Emily King, Sarah Gundy, Ali Donald, Catherine Emerson, Ciara Jordan and Matt Wallen (secretary)

**December Minutes**

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

**Principal's Report**

**Enrolment**

- There are currently 206 pupils enrolled.
- The enrolment period for applications for junior infants has closed, and we will offer places at the end of month. The application window for other classes remains open.

**Attendance**

- The attendance percentage year-to-date has dropped 91.6%. We continue to monitor the attendance of three children who had missed a substantial amount of time.

**Health and Safety**

- A review of the Health and Safety Policy has been completed. The policy is ready for review by the Board at the next meeting.

**Curriculum Development**

- A revised Handwriting Policy is being implemented and will be brought to the Board soon, once it has been confirmed at our next staff meeting.
- The SESE, PE and English curriculum plans are being reviewed and will be ready for consideration by the Board as well.

**Policies**

- The Health and Safety Policy is ready for review.
- We will begin the comprehensive review of the Child Safeguarding Statement this month.
- Consultation will take place with the PTA and wider parent community regarding the Parental Involvement, Relationships and Sexuality Education and Homework over the coming months.

**Building**

- We are still in the process of making decisions regarding the sensory rooms and gross motor room. This will be finalised this month.
- An assessment of the roof was completed last week. It confirmed multiple areas of weakness, and we will address the urgent ones immediately, notably the fascia at the front of the school, first seeking a quote from the individual who completed the assessment as well as two others.

**Misc. Events/Information**

- A pupil-led basketball tournament commenced today.
- The school choir will participate in a primary school choir competition as part of the Ennis Choral Festival at the end of the month.
- A new term of afterschool clubs has commenced including choir, chess, lego, dance, nutrition, Dungeons and Dragons and sewing.
- Several children will represent the school at a swimming event in early February.

**Financial Report**

- Budget targets are being met. Significant spending related to the sensory spaces remain unspent.
- We are now able to receive payments from parents.
- A significant amount of money was spent this past month for PE equipment.
- The Capitation Grant as well as the balance of the Hot Meals was received.

**Policies for Review**

The Board approved the revised Health and Safety Policy.

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