



Darver NS

Agreed Report

Date of Board Meeting: 6/10/2022

Functions of the Board of Management:

- Boards of management of primary schools are appointed for a four-year term. The current term of office for boards of management is from 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2023.
- The board's main function is to manage the school on behalf of the patron and for the benefit of the students and to provide an appropriate education for each student at the school.
- The principal is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school, including guidance and direction of the teachers and other staff of the school, and is accountable for that management.
- The Board should adopt a child-centred approach to all of its work. It must also have regard to the efficient use of resources (particularly the grants provided by the State), the public interest in the affairs of the school and accountability to students, parents and the community. The Board must also uphold the characteristic spirit (ethos) of the school and is accountable to the patron for so doing.

Activities on the Board

Essentially, the board manages the school. Among other things:

- It has responsibility for drawing up the school plan and for ensuring that it is implemented.
- It appoints the Principal, the teachers and other staff.
- It must ensure that the school fulfills its functions as set out in the Education Act, 1998.

- It must promote contact between the school, the parents and the community and must facilitate and give all reasonable help to a parents' association in its formation and its activities.
- It has overall responsibility for the school's finances. It is obliged to have comprehensive insurance cover for the school. It must keep proper accounts, which may be audited by the Department of Education and Science and/or the Comptroller and Auditor General. Its annual accounts must be available to the patron and the school community.

The Board of Management (2019-2023):

1. Ann Geary – Chairperson
 2. Emily Brennan – Secretary
 3. Fionnuala Gracey – Treasurer
 4. Fr. Gerry Campbell
 5. Elaine Cluskey
 6. Declan Callan
 7. Fintan McGroder
 8. Jane O'Hare
- The Board of Management wishes to thank Martin Noonan (Parent Nominee – father) for his service as a Board Member for the past 2 years.
 - Following a call for nominations from the parent population the school received one nomination for the position of Parent Nominee (father) on the Board of Management. We would like to welcome Fintan McGroder to the Board of Management and thank him for his interest in the position.
 - The Board of Management ratified the following policies:
 1. Intimate Care & Toileting Policy
 2. Class and Classroom Allocation Policy
 - Parents are reminded of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment which is available on our website and in hard copy from the office.