**Board of Management of St. Joseph’s National School Agreed Report 12/10/’23**

**The following is the Agreed Report following a Board of Management meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2023**

* Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.
* Principal informed Board that the Child Protection Procedures for schools have been revised for 2023.
* These revised Procedures will be available on the school website.
* Annual review of Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was conducted. Board agreed that bushes in front of the school would be cut to prevent children from being “out of view” at breaktimes.
* Annual review of Anti Bullying Policy was conducted.
* School Safeguarding Statement to be published on school website and feedback welcome from parents.
* Notifications to Parents Association of both reviews mentioned above were completed and will be forwarded to Parents Association.
* Principal informed Board that 3 new Junior Infants enrolled, 1 pupil in Senior Reach, 1 pupil in 5th and we expect 2 new enrolments after midterm break. Current enrolment is 59.
* The Bishop’s office has requested that schools begin the process of electing 2 parent nominees and 1 teacher nominee for the new Board of Management which will take effect from 1st December. We have begun this process and will have it completed by midterm break.
* Mrs Imelda Cully has handed in her notice and intends to retire at the end of October. The Board wishes Imelda health and happiness on her retirement and thanks her for her tremendous contribution to our school over her years here, as SNA in our ASD classes.
* Following interviews held today for the post of Infant day SNA, the interview panel recommend the appointment of Ms. Michelle Lacey to the post., beginning on 6th November.
* Cross Country has been rescheduled and takes place on Wed 18th October.
* Parent/Teacher meetings are due to take place next week.
* Principal informed Board that the school has now moved to online banking, and it is working very well.
* The high hedges at the side of the school were cut during the summer.
* Grants received: Primary Books Admin Grant €516.63. We are currently awaiting our Bus Escort grant which has been delayed due to being mislaid by School Transport ( Dept of Education)
* Agreed Report was agreed upon.

Meeting then concluded.

Yours sincerely

Pauline O’Hara

Secretary to the Board of Management