**Board of Management of St. Joseph’s National School Agreed Report 7/2/’24**

**The following is the Agreed Report following a Board of Management meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2024**

* Before the meeting began Principal welcomed Mr Theo Orton the school accountant who delivered the *Report and Financial Statement for the financial year ended 31st August 2023.* Principal informed the Board that the *Financial Report to Parents* is available to view upon request in the school office.
* Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.
* Principal welcomed all members of our new Board of Management and invited all members to sign the Declaration of Acceptance.
* Chairperson Winnie O’Dowd referred to sections 8 and 9 of The Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2023-2027 relating to confidentiality and communication.
* Principal informed Board that 12 Junior infants have enrolled for Sept, 2 pupils in 1st class and 1 pupil in Reach class.
* Our SET hours have been reduced by 7.5 so we need 10 hours to form a cluster to fill our 2nd SET post. Principal contacted local schools and agreed to form a cluster with Ballinagore and Kilbeggan from Sept ’24 ie our 2nd SET teacher will spend 1 day per week in each of these schools and 3 days here.
* The revised Parental Complaints procedure came into effect from Jan 1st and is published on our website.
* Our school celebrated Catholic Schools Week recently.
* Congratulations to all pupils who were confirmed in Mullingar Cathedral on Tuesday 6th Feb. Thanks you to Ms Martin for her work in preparing them.
* Grandparents Day was celebrated in the school on Thurs 7th Feb. Thank you to Fr Coleman for delivering a lovely Prayer Service.
* Our school is in the process of completing our School Self Evaluation in the area of ICT and Digital technology. We are putting together our School Improvement Plan which will be available on our website shortly.
* Principal informed the Board that our school was successful in securing a €10,000 grant for STEM, following an application we submitted.
* We are currently reviewing and updating our school curricular policies and Irish is being updated to reflect the new Primary Language Curriculum.
* Chess lessons are being taught to the senior classes by Mr Foy and he will bring a group to a chess tournament in February.
* The senior classes attended Peace |Proms in the RDS recently and had a fantastic experience. Thank you to Ms Bermingham for organising this outing.
* Weather permitting we hope to get the back of the school painted over Easter.
* We received €588 from Tesco Kinnegad form the Blue Tokens.

Yours sincerely

Pauline O’Hara

Principal and Secretary to the Board of Management