**St. Brendans PS Meeting of B.O.M Agreed report: Monday 29th January 2024**

Meeting began with a prayer from Chairperson and all were welcomed to this meeting. Minutes of previous meetings were presented /read and were adopted without amendment. No conflicts of interest were expressed. BOM approved short term teacher / SNA leave applications.

BOM informed of STEM grant application success of €10,000 in December and Mr Cunningham thanked for his work in developing and submitting the application.

School had submitted entry to Cumann na mBunscoil school of the year. Unsuccessful on this occasion but the presentation entry in itself displays the great year we had with Gaelic Games in 2023.

BOM informed that school had communicated with all bus service operators over insuring bus safety guidelines that were issued from RSE in January are complied with.

School currently affected by national teacher shortage with 3 posts advertised in December with zero applicants. Supply cluster has 1 out of 4 posts filled covering 33 schools.

BOM approved the draft of our revised job-share / career break and parental leave policy. Draft whistleblowing policy was circulated and will be addressed at next meeting.

BOM adopted the new Parental complaints procedures that were issued to all schools from 1st January. These are to be communicated to our school community and available on website.

BOM informed that new guidelines for anti-bullying procedures to national schools are imminent and so BOM have postponed annual review until new guidelines and templates issued.

The vision of the school was discussed under Ethos development and BOM / focus group will review.

Principal and Chairperson updated BOM on additional ASD accommodation project and communication from design team are hopeful of remaining on plan to go to tender end March 2024.

Principal is working hard on installing solar panels through the national Photovoltaic scheme. Principal successfully applied and approved. Site visits concluded. BOM now will submit section 57 declaration (school-listed building) before hopefully submitting 3 tenders and installation from May – July.

Principal gave report on day to day school activities including artist in school project, school enrolment and staffing circular, anti-bullying report, Child safeguarding oversight report. School policies whistleblower being developed. Pupil attendance was discussed and new TULSA EWO referrals had been submitted and HSCL / SCP are supporting families involved ( DEIS ). Summer Programme 2024 approved to proceed based on principal finding staff to cover the 3 classes and DEIS camp.

School before and after supervision was discussed and school are compliant with advice received from Allianz insurance.

Treasurer’s report was presented with breakdown of grants paid and current a/c balance. The end of year school accounts report 22/23 for FSSU was presented and ratified. Ongoing issue of grants and payments crossing school accounting years was discussed and BOM to look to balance running costs 23/24. School saving plan developed and approved. Thanks were expressed to outgoing treasurer Michael Loughnane, to John Lynch school accountant and school secretary Ita.

BOM members thanked for attending.