**Agreed Report**

**December 2023**

* The Board of Management of Scoil Chóca Naofa held the first meeting of its new term on December 18, 2023. The members of the Board are: Elaine Mahon (chairperson), Linda Daly (secretary), Fergal McGrath (treasurer), Ian Corbett, Fr Geroge Augustine, Martin Brady, Yvonne D’Cruz and Paul Ward.
* The Board received a letter from the local Special Education Needs Officer requesting that we establish a second special class in the school for children with a diagnosis of autism. The Board agreed to this request in principle, subject to accommodation being provided for the new class.
* The Board were updated on the new phase of development for the school. Two modular classrooms have been fitted onsite, near the field at the back of the school. The next ‘wing’ will be located on land donated to us by the Presentation Sisters. This land runs alongside the tree-line between our site and Scoil Dara. Project managers have been appointed. The Board expressed its eagerness for work on this phase to begin without delay, to ensure that adequate accommodation is in situ for the new intake in September 2024.
* The Board of Management approved in principle a proposal to tender for works to be completed on our new multi-purpose sports facility (astro). Construction should begin in very early 2024.
* The Board ratified a new Admissions policy for 2024/25, which sees our shared enrolment with St Joseph’s NS come to an end. The shared enrolment was originally put in place to ensure balanced development in both schools as they became coeducational. Now that that process is complete, we will return to maintain our own Admissions policy, and waiting list for our school.
* The Board expressed its concern at the current shortage in teachers available for substitution, and expressed its thanks to teachers who continue to be flexible in filling positions as the school requires.
* Reports were presented from the Treasurer and the Principal
* The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2024.