
AGREED REPORT

Board of Management of Kilcolgan ETNS

DATE: 02/03/2026
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: ONLINE

CORRESPONDENCE

In other reports

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Proposed and seconded

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ETHOS

Student Council meet up with other Student Councils from Connaught facilitated by Macarena – very successful. ET Chess tournament run by Ronaldo – also very successful. Seachtain na Gaeilge Concert was a lovely success. Seesaw week took place. Chess players attended a chess tournament in Galway. Soccer teams from 5th and 6th (girls one day, boys another) attended FAI blitzes in Galway. We received a framed certificate from the Say Yes to Languages programme to mark that we are one of 200 schools across Ireland who have completed 5 years with the programme.

CIRCULARS

[Information in relation to Standardised Testing and Other Matters – Academic Year 2025/26 and Subsequent Years](#)

0048/2026; 16 April 2026; Department of Education and Youth; Circulars

[Understanding Behaviours of Concern and Responding to Crisis Situations – Update on Training, and Monitoring and Oversight arrangements](#)

0042/2026; 14 April 2026; Department of Education and Youth; Circulars

[Say Yes to Languages primary languages sampler module](#)

0035/2026; 26 March 2026; Department of Education and Youth; Circulars

[Staffing arrangements in Primary Schools for the 2026/27 school year](#)

0025/2026; 25 March 2026; Department of Education and Youth; Circulars

[The Special Education Teacher \(SET\) allocation for 2026/27 school year \(Primary\)](#)

0011/2026; 25 March 2026; Department of Education and Youth; Circulars

Re Say Yes to Languages circular above, the Board acknowledged the value of a native speaker delivering languages modules and the huge ask of teachers to take on an extra subject. In the absence of teachers willing to do so, the Board agreed to fund the programme for next year. Principal will apply for the grant anyway and Board will fund deficit if grant application is successful.

New photocopiers installed over the Spring break.

Grant submitted as discussed at last meeting. An application to Tesco Community Fund was also made. The Board acknowledged the strong support from the PA in relation to grant applications.

There is no change to teacher allocation for classes (no reduction in class sizes) and our support hours were reduced further this year (largely probably due to drop in enrolments)

Annual School Meeting set for May 6th – to include PA as last year.

The Board approved Forest Schools training for one staff member and Nurture training for another.

Lease renewal is still with Educate Together and the Department.

The boiler in the green building is currently broken again. It was supposed to be replaced during the spring break but will now (hopefully) be replaced during the May bank holiday weekend.

Discussion around employing an OT to review reports and or provide advice in classrooms.

No bullying cases

Last Fire Drill 06/03/25

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts have been returned from the accountant

AOB

NEXT MEETING

Annual School Meeting May 6th 8pm

Board meeting June 17th 8pm

Saturday June 20th – Board day 10-3