

Board of Management

S.N. Naomh Treasa Cashel County Galway



Board of Management Meeting - Agreed Report

25th of November, 2024

After each of our Board of Management (BOM) Meetings, we share an Agreed Report that highlights the content of the meeting so that you are better informed about our work.

Who Are the Members of Your Board of Management?

As members of the Board of Management (BOM), our main function is to manage the school on behalf of the patron, for the benefit of the students and to provide an appropriate education for each student at the school. We'd like to tell you a bit about who we are, and why we were interested in being members of the BOM.

Fr. Krzysztof Sikora, Patron

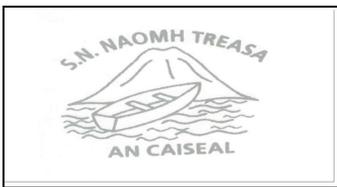
- *Background: Polish born Fr Krzysztof Sikora, is a member of the religious congregation of the Divine Word Missionaries. After years of working as a missionary in the Philippines, Germany and Poland, he settled in Ireland in 2007.*
- *What is a School Patron? The patron is the body that establishes and operates the school. The patron appoints the Board of Management of the school and is responsible for the school's characteristic spirit and ethos.*

Connie Garling-Squire, Chair

- *Background: Two and a half years ago, my husband Sol and I made Cashel our home when I retired from my role as an educational administrator in South St. Paul, Minnesota. I've worked as a teacher, principal and district leader with experience in Positive Behavior and Special Needs Supports, Systems Improvement, Equity/Diversity, Early Childhood, and School Finance.*
- *Why you were interested in being a Board Member: I am happy to be Chair and eager to learn from this community while sharing my expertise to support the school. I appreciate the opportunity to give back!*

Flora Joyce, Parent Representative

- *Background: Flora is mum to Tilly, Lucy and Poppy at school in Cashel. She is a practising pharmacist in Morans Pharmacy in Clifden and also works in Zoan - a biomedical company in the Hatchery in Inagh. She has a special interest in*



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peaceful, respectful parenting, children's development (especially brain development) and mental health.

- **Why you were interested in being a Board Member:** *Flora joined the Board to help develop the school into a center of joyful, respectful and fun learning for all children.*

Oliver Joyce, Parent Representative

- **Background:** *I'm Oliver Joyce from Recess. On the board as part of the parents' representation.*
- **Why you were interested in being a Board Member:** *Was interested in getting involved to learn more about the inner workings of the school and to see where I could help.*

Lesley Emin, Treasurer/Community Representative

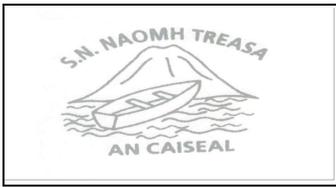
- **Background:** *I have experience in consultancy (including finance), for organisations large and small.*
- **Why you were interested in being a Board Member:** *I am happy to be an active member of my community. I am honoured to be invited to join the school Board of Management and share my experience as required.*

Suzanne Lindfield, **New Community Representative**

- **Background:** *I'm a part-time medical secretary, having previously worked in customer service management roles. Aside from work, I enjoy painting, crafts & reading.*
- **Why you were interested in being a Board Member:** *I would like to work within our community and hopefully bring some of my experience to this role in supporting the principal and staff of S.N. Naomh Treasa.*

Eithne Ni Chonghaile, Deputy Principal/Staff Representative

- **Background:** *Member of S.N. Treasa board since 2021. Also, a member of the Executive board for GBRC. I have volunteered on different Boards over the years.*
- **Why you were interested in being a Board Member:** *to provide a voice for teachers, SNAs and children in the school.*



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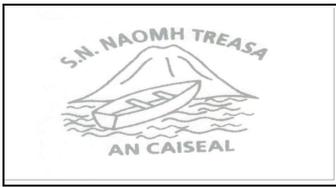
Jacqueline Harty, Principal & Secretary

- **Background:** *I have been teaching for 17 years and was a deputy principal for 13 years before taking up the role as principal here. Outside of schools I enjoy being involved with different sports.*
- **Why you were interested in being a Board Member:** *I was lucky enough to be on a school board for many years and understood the importance of gathering a group of people who were enthusiastic about leading the future of our school. We are very lucky to have people on our board who are skilled and enthusiastic*

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- Welcome
- Review of previous Meeting Minutes
- Financial report was presented as well as a discussion about progress to update record keeping to allow for efficiency and transparency in long and short term planning.
- Principal Jackie shared examples of the staff continuing to engage in professional development opportunities. Topics have included the new maths curriculum and strategies, problem solving, systems improvement, supporting gifted students. Future training opportunities for the BOM were also discussed.
- In a continued updating of Policies, a draft of a new Code of Behaviour has been developed and reviewed by both staff and students. The students have had good discussions, provided input and have taken ownership of expectations. Review of Critical Incidents and Administration of Medication Policies were also completed.
- A report about the continued updating of Safety procedures and expectations was shared. A lot of work has been done to ensure our school and grounds are safe, lit and secure!



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- Principal's report offered information, highlights of learning and activities including:
 - Enrollment is stable and continues to be 42 students. Attendance has been steady.
 - Our school has received a grant from First Lego League Ireland for five lego robotics kits, entry fees and a year's lesson planning. This grant goes a long way towards supporting our goals in science and technology.
 - A review of the recent Maths Week and Science Week activities were shared as well as the Junior Entrepreneur Project.
 - Special thanks to All Staff for continuing to engage in team planning and professional development in problem solving, improving school systems. What a great team of thinkers!
 - Preview of this year's Christmas Play was shared. This wonderful event is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 December.
 - Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed and the Oversight Report and Anti Bullying Report were presented
 - Agreed Report was discussed.