APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON: The meeting began with a request for nominations for the position of chairperson for the year. Sr Ena Quinlan was proposed by Mr David Barry and seconded by Ms Niamh McDonnell. There were no other nominations therefore Sr Ena Quinlan was elected as chairperson. Sr Ena accepted the position and the members of the board congratulated her on her appointment.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sr Ena Quinlan checked with board members that they had received the relevant circulars and ACCS info bulletins sent since our last meeting. The board informed Sr Ena that they had. Sr Ena reminded the board of the importance of familiarising themselves with this information.

RECRUITMENT: Mr Alan Cunningham informed the board that interviews for vacancies had taken place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and that the interview panel consisted of Mr John Cleary, Ms Mary Crawford, Mr Rock Kirwin, Ms Deirdre Frawley and Mr Alan Cunningham as recording secretary.

COVID PREPARATIONS: Mr Alan Cunningham presented the board with the list of actions that the school were taking to prepare for the return to school under the restrictions of Covid. The document is attached. Sr Ena thanked management on behalf of the board for the work being done to prepare for reopening.

Mr Alan Cunningham asked the board for their views on the school taking part in sporting competitions this year. It was the opinion of the board that in the present circumstances this would be an extra risk that we didn't need to take. Mr Alan Cunningham then asked the board for their opinion on our option rotation for the incoming first years. The board accepted that there were advantages and disadvantages to not running the rotation but once again the board felt it was an extra risk in terms of movement and the sharing of equipment that we didn't need to take. The board extended their deepest sympathies to Mr Caoimhin O Neachtain on the passing of his father and to Ms Eileen O Driscoll on the passing of her father. Sr Ena congratulated Ms Mary Howard on becoming Mayor of Clare.