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Agreed report of Board of Management meeting of St Caimin's Community School – **30th March 2022**

- Sr Quinlan and Mr Cunningham attended the ACCS convention on behalf of the Board of Management. The ACCS celebrated its 40th anniversary this year.
- The Section 29 appeal, on refusal of admission, was not upheld and it was deemed that the school had applied its Admissions Policy correctly.
- Two policies were presented to the meeting for discussion and ratification. These were the Induction and Mentoring Policy – New Staff, Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) and Student Teachers and the Policy on Countering Bullying Behaviour. These are available on the school website.
- An update was received on the work of the Autism Friendly Schools project. The working group. Is made up of parents, teachers, students and management. To date the working groups have had two meetings and have surveyed students, parents, teachers and management. The next steps of the working groups are to use the data collected to set targets and actions to support St. Caimin's in its endeavours to ensure we are supporting students with autism as much as possible.
- The work of the curriculum development committee was shared with the board. To date the committee has investigated the possibility of implementing 58 minute/1 hour classes in place of the current 40 minute class periods, examined wellbeing provision at Junior Cycle to bring it in line with Wellbeing Guidelines 2021 and examined curriculum provision across Junior and Senior Cycle
- The Board of Management received an update on the work of the School Self-Evaluation committee. At present the identified focus for 2021 – 2022 is centred around developing a positive school culture towards homework. Evidence is being gathered using the VSware behaviour reports, student and teacher focus groups and a school wide questionnaire. Targets and actions and a further update on work of the committee will be provided at the next meeting of the BOM.
- Funding was approved for accelerated reading programme.