Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Dalkey

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Management
Thursday 27th August 2026

Attendance: Dr Eilis Humphreys, Ms Ger Bracken, Ms Louise Segrave-Daly, Ms Aisling Green, Ms Mary Pat McAlarey, Mr Jim Wade, Ms Lorraine Dwyer, Mr Robert Dunne

Apologies: Mr Conor Murray

1. Opening Prayer

The Principal opened the meeting with a prayer and remembered in particular all who were bereaved within our school community over the summer.

2. Minutes of previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Board of Management meeting held on Monday, 22nd June 2026, were approved, having been proposed by Ms Lorraine Dwyer and seconded by Mr Jim Wade

3. Matters Arising

The Dimensional survey was conducted in early August.

4. Correspondence

The Principal presented a list of correspondence and addressed the following items in particular:

- JMB Bulletin - Invitation to participate in the next phase of the AI Assessment Scale Project. The Board approved a request to apply for inclusion in this project.

Letter of appreciation from Ms. Ciara Davey, Dalkey Book Festival.

- Notification from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council of Section 5 Declaration of Exempted Development for the convent refurbishment.

5. Finance

5. Mr. Jim Wade presented the Finance Report on behalf of the Finance Sub-Committee. copies of which are attached to the Minutes.

(iii) The Board reviewed the Budget for the 2026/2027 academic year and the budget was approved by Ms Mary Pat McAlarey and seconded by Ms Geraldine Bracken

6. Report on Summer Works

7. Review of the Draft Report on the Workings of the School

The Principal presented the Draft Report on the Workings of the School for consideration by the Board.

The Board expressed its appreciation to all stakeholders for their work for the mission of the school over the year. The Report will be published on the website and in the "Dalkey Diary".

8. Review of the Principal's Report on the Leadership and Management of the School

The Board reviewed the report and expressed its appreciation to all post holders for their work for the school community.

9. Bí Cineálta procedures and report on Anti-Bullying Behaviour

The Principal presented a Report on the operation of Bí Cineálta following consultation with the Stakeholders.

The Principal then presented Appendix E – Review of the Bí Cineálta policy for review by the Board. Appendix F will be forwarded to the Stakeholders.

10. Principals Business

Leaving Certificate Results

The Principal presented the Leaving Certificate results to the Board. The Board reviewed the results and noted them in relation to CAT scores and A.E.N. and RACE provision.

The Board congratulated the students and staff on their success across all

levels.

"Waves of Hope" - A Report on Ethos (2025/2026)

The Board reviewed the report on ethos edited by Mr. Patrick Byrne, post holder in that area. The report provided some valuable insights and formed the basis of a "Day of Reflection" held for R.E. staff on Tuesday August 24th. At that meeting/gathering, the R.E. team with senior management reformulated a Department Mission Statement in the light of our contemporary context, and then reviewed courses and at Senior Cycle level in particular. Targets were set for the coming year.

A.P. 2 (Temporary) Leadership and Management Post

The Board of Management approved the advertisement of the AP2 (temporary) position and approved the nominations for the selection committee - Mr. Robert Dunne (Principal), Ms. Caroline O'Brien, and Ms. Nuala Mannion as Independent Chairperson / nominee of the Board.

Board of Management Election

The Board of Management membership is due to renewal on October 15th 2026.

Confirmation that AEN Resources are used for their intended use.

The Principal confirmed that we are using 87 hours in the A.E.N. area for their intended use. The Chairperson signed the Appendix to Circular 0064/2024 confirming their use. The signed document is appended to the minutes.

11. Child Protection Oversight Report

The Principal then presented the required CPOR to the Board.

12. A.O.B.

The next meeting of the Board was arranged for Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 6 PM followed by Dinner.