Agreed Report

Meeting of 14 September 2026

The Board of Management met on 14 September 2026. The following update outlines matters of interest to our school community.

Learning, teaching and achievement

Congratulations were extended to our Leaving Certificate students on their achievements. An analysis of the results was included in the meeting papers, and subject department planning also featured on the agenda.

Safeguarding and Bí Cineálta

The Board received an update on preparations to implement the Child Protection Procedures 2025, including work on the risk assessment and the display of child-friendly posters. The Bí Cineálta review, completed on 11 September 2026, was brought before the Board. The review notification is to be signed and published on the school website.

Attendance, mobile phones and class groups

The Attendance Strategy Policy, including the student sign-out procedure, and two additions to the Mobile Phone Policy concerning first-year students were presented for ratification. Proposed guidance on allocation to form and class groups was also considered, with attention to educational and pastoral needs, balanced class groups and the confidential consideration of significant student information.

Leadership, staffing and school needs

Recruitment planning covered Senior Cycle Redevelopment, Senior Cycle Level 1/Level 2 coordination, the Programme Coordinator role, other middle-leadership vacancies and a 0.5 Special Needs Assistant post. The Principal proposed a mini-review of school needs, with lockers and digital devices to support learning and teaching among the areas highlighted.

Seán Conlon was congratulated on his retirement after 32 years of service to PCH.

Finance and the school environment

The CEIST financial summary was presented. The Board support using donations to provide additional outdoor seating in the area outside the old building.

School community

The Principal reported a successful voluntary staff-bonding afternoon on 26 August.

Families of first-year students are reminded of the parents' evening on 17 September, with Emmet Major and Helen Butler.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for your continued contribution to the life of PCH.