



# POBAL CHOLÁISTE CHARRAIG AN FHIA

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### Board of Management Meeting March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025

#### Agreed Report

Present: Robert Wilson (Chairperson), Tracey Kennedy (Secretary), Maria McGrath, Cllr Patrick Mulcahy, Kevin Collins, Mark O'Reilly.

Apologies were received from Kathy Murphy and Yvonne Cahill.

This was the first meeting of the new Board of Management, and sincere thanks were extended to the outgoing Board, particularly to Seán O'Connor, who had stepped down after extensive service to the school.

John Coughlan and Frances Murphy were appointed as community representatives to the new board.

Condolences were extended to recently-retired deputy principal, Kathryn FitzGerald, on the death of her husband Gerard.

Thanks were also noted to caretaker, Edward O'Riordan, for his work with students in the school's polytunnel, and to Barbara Dorrity, who had recently stepped down as secretary of the Parents' Association. It was also noted that the Parents' Association AGM had been held, and gratitude was expressed to all involved.

The board was informed that the Department of Education had recently granted Stage 2a approval for the progress of the new school building, and that the next stage would involve the application for planning permission.

Other recent school activities were also noted, including the following:

- BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition – project singled out by President Higgins
- UCC awards
- Various TY activities – Road Safety, Drug Awareness, SEPI
- 1st Year trip to Cuskinny Court
- Senior Cycle Geography quiz
- We have been granted the Artist in Schools Scheme from Cork County Council, in partnership with Sirius Art Centre and artist Sarah Long, this is to continue the ART Futures workshop series with senior cycle art students
- Funding obtained for Creative Engagement and artist Susan Herlihy will be visiting the school to work with 3rd year art students to create a school ceramic mural in the coming weeks

- Reinstatement of the school polytunnel – students, along with staff, have been potting seeds for flowers and vegetables to sell at our Plant and Craft fair on May 7th – support of caretaker
- Student council raised funds for Cobh Branch Irish Red Cross and Cobh hospital for Valentine's Day non-uniform day
- PISA assessments

The board extended good wishes to all 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 6<sup>th</sup> Year and LCA students in their upcoming oral, practical and task examinations.

Next scheduled meeting: May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025