

- The secretary presented the Board with the final copy of the Follow through Inspection Report carried out by the Inspectorate last March.
- The principal congratulated the students who had received their Leaving Certificate & Junior Certificate Examinations results since the last board meeting.
- The secretary informed the board that B&S Credit Union had very kindly agreed to provide a €3000 bursary to help students progressing to Higher Level education. The secretary gave an overview of the process.
- The principal noted that the school had experienced an increased Enrolment from last year. Enrolment now stands at 322 students an increase of 30 students from last year.
- The school has introduced a new PLC course - Early Childhood Care & Education. 18 students have enrolled in the course. The principal thanked Ms Boland and the PLC teachers for all their work in developing the PLC provision over the last few years.
- The principal noted that accommodation is now very tight in the school. The school was designed for 320 students but one of the rooms is now used for a second ASD classroom while another is used for BfL purposes. Storage is also very tight while the staff room is much too small. The library has been converted to a classroom while the Technical Graphics is now a mixed purpose room. The principal hopes to submit an application for additional accommodation as is currently doing some background work.
- The principal informed the board of recent developments in relation to ICT in the school. These included the drawing up of an e-Learning plan, the move on cloud based solutions and a move away from desktops to Chromebooks. The school's e-Learning Plan was adopted
- The principal informed the board that the new timetable including a half day on a Wednesday was now in operation in the school. He explained the origins of the new timetable. He also informed the board of the new elements of wellbeing (restructured pastoral care as well as Study Skills) and the new short courses (ICT, Digital Media Literacy and Artistic Performance) that were running in the school.
- As part of the introduction of the Junior Cycle schools are mandated to avail of CPD for teachers. The school had a wholeschool Junior Cycle training day for all staff on Friday 22nd in relation to the area of wellbeing.
- A new BOM reporting format is being introduced by Donegal ETB. The school will be piloting the new approach with this set of minutes.
- The school has signed up to the national Droichead programme, a programme designed to support and induct newly qualified teachers. The school's Professional Support team will comprise the principal, Ms Elaine O' Regan and Ms Maryann Molloy.

- The principal informed the board of some of the many changes occurring in SCP programmes nationally. These will have repercussions for the school. The principal discussed the new Intake framework, the new evaluations, the consent requirements, the reporting requirements. It was noted that there is a significant new burden on schools in relation to the programme.
- The school has held a number of Information evenings for parents / guardians in recent weeks. Information seminars were held for the parents / guardians of PLC students, for parents / guardians of incoming First years and in relation to the new Junior Cycle.
- The principal informed the board that Student Council Elections will take place in the school on Thursday 28th September.
- The school will be sending 4th Year students to attend the Road Safety Roadshow at Aura on 10th October.