Agreed Report - 10th June 2025

Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer

Minutes: The minutes of the last ordinary meeting on 13th May 2025 were approved.

The minutes of a number of one-item Zoom meetings were read, approved and signed:

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from any of the minutes.

Correspondence: The Principal brought correspondence to the attention of the board.

- The formal approval has come through from CEIST to purchase the PE equipment required to install the PE lab in the PE Hall. These works can now be undertaken this summer.
- The Principal had received quotation for works to be carried out on the roof following the storm and this is likely to take place in advance of the return to school

Calendar 2025-2026: The draft calendar has been sent to parents and to staff. The only proposed change to the usual rhythm of the year is to move the school show to December 3rd and 4th – it acknowledges the significant issue already discussed at the BOM of the clash between school assessments and the show. It adds pressure to have the show stage ready in a shorter time and The Principal proposed we more fully engage the services of an external company to more fully support the school staff in their work preparing for the show. This has worked on a small scale this year when required due to staff absence and extending the external team was approved by the BOM.

School development progress 2024-2025 & priorities for 2025-2026: The BOM approved letters to be sent to staff members who had not only carried out their roles effectively but had also given very generously and of their own personal time for the benefit of our students.

2025-2026 preparations: plant & facilities

- Solar panels will be installed this summer
- The extensive upgrade of the PE Hall will also take place
- It looks extremely likely that the necessary roof repairs following January's storm will also be completed in advance of the 2025-2026 return to school

- In term of JMB advice re Climate Action Works applications, windows are evidently our priority and the school's application will be made on that basis.

Admissions 2026-2027: The Principal outlined the significant change to Admissions for 2025-2026 in relation to admission to the Special Classes. Essentially parents approach the National Council for Special Education first and secure a letter confirming their eligibility for enrolment to a Special Class. This needs to be reflected in our 2026-2027 Admission Policy.

Co-teaching policy for ratification: The co-teaching policy was presented to members. School-wide training has therefore been prioritised for the first day back on 21st August. The policy was ratified by the Board and signed by the Chairperson.

Child Protection: The Principal presented the CPOR to the board.

School compliance – The Ark HQ proposal: The Principal outlined recent engagement with The Ark HQ to help us establish precisely where we are re compliance and to actively support us as we ensure that we are always taking positive steps towards increased compliance. Members underlined increased focus on this across sectors and acknowledged our responsibility to make it a priority for St Paul's. The BOM approved a decision to work with The Ark HQ on the basis that no school can afford to take risks when it comes to compliance.

Finance: budget 2025-2026: The finance subcommittee report was read and is attached. The budget as presented was approved by the Board.

The Principal's Report was presented to the Board.