



Meeting of Interim Board of Management for St Seton's Secondary School

1st March 2022

Agreed Statement

At an ordinary meeting on 1st March 2022, the interim Board of Management:

a) Met with Gary Falconer (Architect); Trustees, Chairpersons, Principals and Deputy Principals of St Dominic's College, Caritas College and St John's College and were presented with the three designs for the additional accommodation for St Seton's Secondary School. Gary Falconer brought the group through the designs and discussed the merits of each particular scheme.

The meeting group were led on a walk-through of the ground floor of St John's College and further discussions on how the additional accommodation would be linked followed. Clarifying questions were answered and responses to the designs given.

All 3 designs include positioning of a Multi-Purpose (Sports) Hall with additional car-parking although the Department of Education's schedule of accommodation does not include a Sports Hall for this particular building project.

The meeting group indicated a preference towards design 3. This design is a three story building with a pitched roof on the main part of the building, which integrates northern light, and two smaller flat roofs at either end. As the building is 3 stories high, it occupies the least ground space of the three designs and includes a large paved external surface and a covered walkway that will link the new building to the existing school buildings. The two flat roofs afford scope for additionality if St Seton's was to expand further in the future. As the building is 3 stories high, it will be seen from Le Fanu Road. This design includes two additional pastoral offices and has some additional corridor width compared to Designs 1 and 2.

Once this part of the meeting concluded, the interim Board meeting continued with the interim Board members and the invited participants left.

b) The interim Board members agreed that the preferred option to recommend to the architect would be Design 3. The next step will be for three designs to be costed by the

Design Team and for the Pre-Stage 1 Report to be prepared to send to the Department of Education.

It was discussed that separate explorations into other streams of school funding should be explored with a view to retrofitting the existing school buildings.

c) The interim Board discussed the implications of the decision to extend the opening of St Seton's to allow more time for the schools to prepare to amalgamate. The implications for admission of 1st Years 2022/23 to St John's College, Caritas College and St Dominic's College were discussed. The interim Board of Management were assured that every measure was being taken to ensure each incoming 1st Year student would be supported in their transition to post-primary school and that the three schools would be working closely towards their ultimate transition to St Seton's.

d) The interim Board of Management emphasised that the Board's priority now is to focus efforts on progressing the additional accommodation and the provision of high-quality facilities for St Seton's.