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Agreed Report February 17th 2025

1. Opening Prayer: Fr. Hayes led the board in saying the opening prayer.
2. Number on Roll: There are 406 pupils enrolled in St. John's coming from 293 families
3. Implications of Circular 11/2025: The Staffing Schedule: As per Circular 11/2025, our mainstream pupil numbers will not meet the retention threshold of 409 for the 2025/26 school year. The enrolment figure which we submitted to the DE on September 30th 2024 was 404. Consequently, one teaching post must be placed on the redeployment panel in line with the staffing allocation process. This will result in a return to 16 mainstream classes, with two class groupings at each level
4. Substitute Teachers: Since the board last met, we have been supported by the following substitute teachers who have covered staff absences: Ciara Cronin, Ellen O'Sullivan, Ellen Murnane Eoin Murphy and Áine O'Donovan.
5. Catholic Schools Week: We marked **Catholic Schools Week 2025**, embracing this year's theme, '**Alive in Christ**'. Resources provided through the CPSMA website supported class activities throughout the week, helping students explore and reflect on their faith in meaningful ways. The celebrations concluded with a wonderful **Grandparents' Day** ceremony, where we welcomed grandparents into our school to acknowledge and celebrate their special role in our school community.
6. Specific Projects: From January 27th to 30th, Chuck Delpier delivered engaging science workshops in the school hall, providing hands-on learning experiences for all classes.
7. Education Visits: 6th Class participated in their **RSE workshops** on February 11th and 12th, delivered by *In My Own Shoes*. Ahead of this, a **parental workshop** was held in the school hall on February 10th to inform parents about the content and provide guidance on supporting their child at home.
8. Parents Association: The **Parents' Association** met in the school on **February 6th**, with the proposed **uniform upgrade** among the items discussed.
9. On February 11th, 24 pupils from seven classes, along with three staff members led by Ms. Costello, participated in the Ficheall Primary Schools Chess Competition in Rathmore. This marked the first time a team from St. John's had taken part in such an event. Our pupils had a wonderful and positive experience, and we look forward to the next opportunity to compete.
10. On February 9th, four teams from St. John's participated in the Credit Union Quiz in Killarney under the guidance of Ms. O'Mahony. One of our teams successfully

qualified for the County Final next month. Well done to all who took part and represented the school so well on the day

11. The meeting concluded at 7.40pm