



RETNS Parents Association Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday 10th February 2015

Extra Curricular Review agreed following discussion with BOM.

December BOM Report available on RETNS website. Minor Works Grant has been reinstated.

Feedback from athletics coaches that 1 hour is quite long for 1st and 2nd Class, feeling that 45 minutes is a better option with emphasis on fitness through games. Positive feedback from parents regarding athletics program.

Submission being prepared for NPC Fred O'Connell Award.

Enrolment Policy for Stepside Educate Together Second Level School available. Information evening to be organised and invitation extended to other ET schools. Suggestion to invite Principal from Hansfield Educate Together Second Level School to attend also.

Walking Bus update. Ongoing Green School Committee weekly participation survey –updates on school noticeboard. Loyalty cards available with prizes after participation for 4 weeks. RSA donated hi vis jackets & bag covers for all pupils. Walking Bus article has been sent to Educate Together and submission to An Taisce being prepared by Green Schools Committee. Thanks in particular to Claire for continued organisation, volunteer Bus Drivers and families for participation.

PA Section of website updated to include monthly meeting notes, current PA Committee, Extra Curricular schedule, Nutrition for Children Talk from PA AGM, Your Children Your School Your Time form.

Images Art Exhibition viewing sessions Thursday 12th February – morning session 8.45-9.45 am with tea and coffee served by PA and afternoon session from 1.00-3.00 pm with refreshments provided by Student Council and music from 5th/6th Class. Parental involvement in wider Art Week activities welcomed.

Update regarding Outdoor Development Project provided. 20K Drop Fundraiser scheduled for May in conjunction with Pallas Marketing who were involved in Playground Project. Information Evening with Pallas scheduled for Monday 16th February. Launch of Project discussed.

School books pricing and ordering process discussed. To be investigated further regarding discounts available, price negotiations, retendering process.

Discussion on RETNS App for parents as seen at recent Principal's Conference. Noted that schools with App still rely on texts/emails for communication. Discussion on current RETNS website design, content and navigation and suggestion that improvements may be more useful.

SpeakEasy Programme for parents to run provisionally April 17th – May 29th with Information session Wednesday evening 11th March.

First Aid Course for parents to run late September.

Children slipping on Prefab foundations at front of school raised along with health and safety implications, to be brought to Mary and BOM.

Reminder that parents can post Your Children, Your School, Your Time forms into the PA Post Box outside Junior Infants.

If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback, please contact your Class Rep. Reminder to check website for new information www.retns.ie