



RETNS Parents Association Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday 20th January 2015

Zena presented comprehensive review of Extra Curricular Program over last three years. This will be discussed at next PA Principal Meeting.

October BOM Report available on RETNS website. Ongoing concerns regarding parking continue to be an issue. Enquiry regarding loss of Minor Works Grant and possible implications to be brought to next PA Principal Meeting.

Winterfest Raffle raised €1,104.64 which will go towards upgrading kitchen facilities in the Multi Purpose Room including the provision of ovens for baking activities with the children. Pricing of appliances and health and safety implications being investigated. Previous kitchen plans from original school build being investigated.

Thank you to Orla for organizing NPC Anti Bullying Seminar for parents in December, excellent presentation and well received by all who attended.

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.

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

Walking Bus update. Ongoing Green School Committee weekly participation survey – further information can be found on the school noticeboard. Loyalty cards available for children with prizes after participation for 4 weeks. Thanks in particular to Claire for continued organisation, volunteer Bus Drivers and families for participation.

Update regarding Outdoor Development Project in Winter newsletter. Alison and Linda working together with staff and students. In contact with suppliers at present. Fundraiser planned for May. Discussion regarding drainage issues for side and Wildlife Gardens, parking issues, resurfacing of yard, maintenance and upkeep.

Thank you to everyone involve in Winterfest preparations in the lead up to and on the day. Availability of video on website to be investigated.

Images Art Exhibition Thursday 12th February as part of Art Week. Timing of exhibition to be discussed at next PA Principal Meeting

Roles and responsibilities of BOM discussed. Governs school on behalf of Patron; upholds ethos; develops school policy; employs staff; ensure appropriate facilities/materials/resources; ensure maintenance school building/grounds; generate sufficient income to allow proper functioning of school. BOM acts professionally, collectively and on the basis of consensus maintaining confidentiality were necessary. Reminder that BOM and PA Committee members are all volunteers who give freely of their time and expertise for the benefit of the school. Parent body to be advised on the BOM role before election of new BOM next year

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