



RETNS Parents Association Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday 9th June 2015

Appliances for MPR upgrade ordered, Zoe liaising with Denis and Clodagh to schedule installation.

Update from Peter with regards to parking area in front of school, ownership confirmed as the Dept of Education with Loreto confirmed as the long term tenant. Contact made Dept of Education to investigate the next steps and look at ways to resolve the safety and parking issues

Prospective talk on Colour Blindness investigated.

January and March BOM Reports available on RETNS website.

Extra Curricular to be run by PA going forward as presented in proposal following extensive review. Current providers invited to participate in Program, Encore and Playball will continue to run separately. Two terms proposed with options for new classes, further planning with Clodagh regarding timetabling. Zena acknowledged for her tireless efforts over the last 3 years with regards to EC Program.

NPC Educational Conference to include the Fred O'Connell Award presentation on Saturday 13th June in NCI, Manor Street, all welcome. Orla attended meeting of South Dublin Branch of NPC Tuesday 26th May, overview of NPC provided along with 6 special interest groups who meet twice yearly and provides an opportunity to participate in discussions and potentially influence future policy. Special Education Needs Conference particularly successful and highly recommended for further PA/Parent attendance. NPC Membership to be completed in full for inclusion in all sections of NPC.

Wording of Core Principles of Educate Together changed from "Multi Denominational" to "Equality Based" changed at recent ET AGM.

Stepaside ETSS Information Evening held in RETNS well attended with 80/90 parents present. Information well received, thanks to those who hosted tea/coffee on the evening.

Ongoing Green School Committee weekly Walking Bus participation survey – updates on school noticeboard. Loyalty cards available with prizes after 4 weeks participation. Thanks in particular to Claire for continued organisation, volunteer Bus Drivers and families for participation.

Phase 1 complete. 20 K Drop a huge success, final figures to be confirmed. Phase 2 comprises Teaching Garden, Side Garden Area and Bike Shed, designs complete but not yet published. Planning meeting to review next steps. Fundraising team donated raffle prizes to PA for Family Fun Day.

Planning in full swing for Family Fun Day Sunday 14th June with team leaders in place and lots of volunteers recruited – everyone very welcome to get involved.

Discounts received on School Books and passed on to parents. Discussion on timing of Book Bills.

Gathering of parents for School Trips discussed to ensure procedure is fair and equitable for all parents and that all teachers are aware of process. To be brought to PA Principal Meeting.

Special thanks to Suzanne for her time and commitment to the PA over the last 10 years during her time at RETNS and warm wishes for the Secondary School journey ahead.

Sports Day 18th June, 2nd Class parents organise Obstacle Course, volunteers required for water.

6th Class Graduation 26th June, 5th Class parents provide refreshments.

Welcome Back Coffee Morning volunteers to be gathered before start of new term.

Reminder that parents can post YCYSY forms into the PA Post Box outside Junior Infants.

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