



RETNS Parents Association Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday 8th September 2015

April and May BOM Reports available on RETNS website.

Extra Curricular enrolment Thursday 10th September with Classes commencing week of 21st September. Particular thanks to Carol and Clodagh for their assistance.

RETNS PA awarded joint 3rd place in inaugural Fred O'Connell Award at recent NPC Educational Conference for YCYSYT Project submission, with a trophy presented by Fred's widow Nan. Fred O'Connell believed strongly that parents have a vital role to play in their child's education. The Award has been introduced to recognise innovative partnership work between schools and parents which supports children to have the opportunity to reach their full potential. The submission was required to be an original project, fall into one of the themes of parental involvement, keys to successful school, family and community partnerships and have the potential to be replicated in other schools.

Stepaside ETSS – still awaiting update on location, offers will be made at end of September, principal currently being recruited to be in place for Feb 2015 with SETSS opening in Sept 2016.

Ongoing Green School Committee weekly Walking Bus participation survey – updates on school noticeboard. Loyalty cards available with prizes after 4 weeks participation. Thanks to Claire for continued organisation, volunteer Bus Drivers and families for participation – particularly all the new JI faces. Pop up rain hats for impending forecast.

Side Garden Area to be resurveyed, work will reconvene following feedback. Official opening of Artwork in the Shed planned.

YCYSYT invitation to issue to all parents and guardians for an opportunity for all families to volunteers for something in the school during the year and asking what they would like to become involved in. Particularly looking for garden and library volunteers this year.

Discussion regarding swimming lessons at Meadowbrook, to bring to PA Principal meeting.

PA AGM provisional date Tuesday 13th October 7.30pm. Possible speaker for evening being sourced. Information to go out to Parent Body regarding PA, Class Reps, BOM, Election of Parent Reps.

Parent body Social Evening provisional date Friday 13th November at the Glenside.

Work ongoing on website, suggestions for inclusion on Parent Tab include Committee, Role of PA, Role of Class Reps, Calendar, Policies, YCYSYT, EC Timetable, Booklists, Holidays, Annual Expenses, Schedule of Payments.

Multipurpose Room Upgrade complete and all new appliances ready for use – thank you in particular to Zoe, Ed and Denis for work done over the summer months.

Thank you to everyone involved in Family Fun Day who helped to make it such a success. Raffle monies donated to Outdoor Project as prizes donated from same, Tea and Coffee monies to be used for annual PA expenses, profits to go towards MPR upgrade.

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.

School Trip Policy discussed to ensure equal opportunities for all parents to participate.

Class Contact Lists to be updated by Class Reps.

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