

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 5th April, 2017 - Report to the School Community

School Development: Much on this month's meeting surrounded the ongoing problems with the area in front of the school. We recently discovered that RETNS was responsible for the upkeep of the area. The insurer has determined that it is unsafe and has instructed the school to repair it or cordon it off. Despite concerns over funding, the BoM concluded that it had no choice other than to carry out emergency work and resurface the entire area over the spring break. The opportunity will be taken to paint proper markings for parking bays, including a disabled parking space. The Community Centre has made a significant financial contribution, and the contractor has agreed to delay final payment until the summer, but this still leaves RETNS to find an additional €10k to pay for the work.

Income Generation: Three fundraising events are planned for next term: a supermarket bag-pack, a comedy night and the women's mini-marathon. The BoM discussed plans for each. We encourage all members of the school community to get involved and to help to raise vital funds for our school. There is still time to sign up for the mini-marathon. Please let the school office know, as we are planning t-shirts and need to keep track of numbers. Plans for other activities, including a kids' film club, were also discussed.

ET Second-Level Schools: The BoM has continued to argue on behalf of parents and guardians that RETNS families should receive a preference in the admissions policies of the new Educate Together second-level schools. Our understanding is that the current plan is for the admissions policies to be published this month and for enrolment to open for at least one of the schools (Dublin South City).

Website: Many thanks to the parents and staff members who have offered to help in making improvements to the school website. The aim is to assemble this group early in the new term and to have an improved website in place for next school year.

Policies: Further progress was made on a new Critical Incident policy which it is hoped to approve at the May meeting. The BoM also discussed measures to speed up the administration of the enrolment policy.

The BoM also considered some routine matters, which for reasons of confidentiality are not included in this report.

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