

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 4th September, 2017 - Report to the School Community

A warm welcome to new families with children in Junior Infants who have joined our school community, and welcome back to everyone else.

Income Generation: The final figure for the money raised through the mini-marathon was over €5,300. Very many thanks to all who took part and supported. Between the mini-marathon, the comedy night, the supermarket bag-pack, we raised over €10,000, which together with other contributions was sufficient to cover the resurfacing works and make our school a safer place. Despite this fantastic effort, the school remains short of finance. The RETNS Development Committee will be the subject of separate communication and will continue to meet this year. We encourage everyone to get involved in its activities as much as possible.

First-Aid: Following recent retirements we require more staff with first-aid qualifications. The BoM agreed to fund the necessary training.

SNA Appointment: Over the Summer break RETNS was given Department sanction for an additional SNA position. The recruitment process is taking place this week and the aim is to have the additional SNA in place as soon as possible.

ET Education Conference: The BoM agreed a subsidy for two members of teaching staff to attend this year's Educate Together Ethical Education Conference.

School Policies: The BoM continued the process of drafting a Data Protection policy. Given developments in this area, it was agreed that that the process should involve a briefing session for staff and consideration of any resources necessitated by data protection requirements. The BoM also discussed priorities for policy development and agreed to work on a Communications Policy and revised Health and Safety policy.

BoM Membership: Claire Branagan and Sarah Benson are stepping down from the Board of Management this term. We thank them both warmly for making very significant contributions to RETNS over the past two years, especially in the areas of finance and income generation, but in other capacities too. Sophaly Chhun has been co-opted onto the BoM as a Community Representative and she will replace Claire as Treasurer. We are still looking for members of our community who have professional skills and experience in areas such as administration, governance and accounting, and who are willing to volunteer some time to the management of our school.

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

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