

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 9th October, 2017 - Report to the School Community

BoM Membership: The BoM co-opted Jane Sweetman as a community representative.

Parking: The BoM noted a deterioration in the parking situation. After the resurfacing work was done at Easter there was a clear improvement, with drivers avoiding parking on double yellow lines and on the yellow box in front of school. Illegal parking like this makes it harder for our children to see cars and harder for drivers to see them. **DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW BOX.** There are always legal places to park less than one minute's walk away.

Data Protection: Alison Murphy gave a presentation to the BoM on data protection. We are grateful to Alison for contributing professional advice on this issue, which is of growing importance and will be subject to new European legislation in 2018. The policy is due to be finalised and adopted before year-end. There will be a briefing session for staff and an assessment of any ICT resources required to assist compliance.

SNA Training: The BoM agreed to support a one-day training course for SNAs in the Primary Language Curriculum.

Child Protection/Anti-bullying: The BoM completed required annual checklists in relation to Child Protection and Anti-Bullying. Updates to both policies are available on the website.

Tablets: The BoM agreed in principle to a pilot project on the use of tablets as teaching aids. This will be subject to agreement of an appropriate funding plan for the required resources.

Sound System: The BoM discussed the need for repairs to the school sound system and associated costs. The system is old and in need of at least partial replacement. Efforts are being made to minimise cost while ensuring that we have a functioning system.

School Finance: As the previous items imply, the school remains short of funds for maintenance and further development of the environment and opportunities we offer our children. The BoM is committed to supporting the work of the School Development Committee and would like to thank those who have contributed to its work and to recent fundraising events. If you have skills or ideas to offer, please get involved.

Website: The BoM was given an update on progress to improve the website. Work is ongoing to make the site more attractive, quicker, user friendly and mobile compatible.

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

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