

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 12th March, 2018 - Report to the School Community

Snow: The BoM considered whether the school needed to schedule additional days to make up for those lost due to snow. Reassurances were sought and received in relation to all classes being able to cover the curriculum yet still undertake other class activities, such as projects and trips. On balance, it was decided not to alter planned school dates.

Boiler: An update was given on the failure of the boiler following the heavy snow. The cause was external: it seems to have cut out in response to a local power surge. The BoM will assess whether any further maintenance is required.

School Finance: Further concern was expressed in relation to the school's finances. RETNS remains short of funds and is not well placed to meet any unforeseen expenditures. The need to raise additional funds was again stressed.

School Income: The BoM was updated on the work of the Development Committee and fundraising plans. Sign-up for the mini-marathon has begun. This was a great day last year and we encourage as many RETNS families as possible to get involved this year. Other fundraising events are planned, so please keep an eye out for communications.

Development Plan: The BoM has begun work on a School Development Plan for the medium and long term development of RETNS. Input will be sought from the Development Committee, staff and the wider school community.

Garden Project: The BoM approved plans to begin a garden project in the area outside first class. Planting of vegetables and other crops will begin soon and it is hoped to have a first harvest before year-end.

Student Council Charity: The BoM approved the Student Council's choice of Crumlin Children's Hospital as beneficiary for their annual charity fundraising event.

Child Protection: The BoM approved the required Risk Assessment and Child Safeguarding Statement, which is now posted near the entrance to the school.

Assessment: The BoM ratified new guidelines and procedures for assessment of students. These will be posted on the website shortly.

Policies: Work has begun on a Communications Policy and a draft is being prepared for consultation.

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

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