

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 9th April, 2018 - Report to the School Community

Principal Recruitment: The Chairperson updated the BoM on the recruitment process for appointing a new Principal. The post is presently being advertised. Educate Together is assisting in the process and it is anticipated that an appointment will be made before the end of the school year, with the new Principal due to start in September.

Garden: The BoM was updated on work done on the new garden area at the side of the school. The work is progressing well and we would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time and effort to help make this happen.

School Development: The BoM agreed the structure of a new school development plan, which will identify short, medium and long term priorities for the ongoing development of our school. This process has taken into account results of the parent survey and will involve extensive consultation, including with staff, children and parents/guardians through the development committee.

School Finances: Finances remain tight and the BoM again discussed plans for fundraising activities during the rest of the year. Please watch out for relevant emails. We would like to encourage all members of the school community to get involved in whatever way they can.

School Self-evaluation: The BoM discussed plans to restart the school self-evaluation process, in line with the recent national agreement.

School Plan: The BoM was updated on work to develop new Science and Art Plans for the school, with a view to approval at the May meeting.

Educate Together AGM: The BoM made plans for representation at the Educate Together AGM in Kildare in May. RETNS has submitted a motion calling for the removal of recently imposed caps on enrolment to some Educate Together schools.

School Policies: The BoM was updated on progress in relation to a new policy on school communications.

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

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