

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 27th August, 2018 - Report to the School Community

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to everyone else.

Principal Transition: Maeve Mc Carthy attended the meeting in an observer capacity ahead of taking up her duties as Principal. The BoM welcomed her and was updated on the handover process, which has thus far gone smoothly.

Mary G: Mary informed the BoM that she would be stepping down as staff representative and recording secretary. The BoM thanked her for her hard work and dedication. Mary has made an important contribution to the running of the RETNS for a number of years.

Building Site: The BoM discussed the building site adjacent to the fence that borders the playground. Following our complaint to the Health and Safety Authority, work on the boundary was sped up and a proper wall had been constructed in the area that was causing most concern. However, the job remains incomplete and staff will continue to monitor the situation. We will take further action as and when necessary.

School Finances: School finances are tight and, as stated often before, there remains an ongoing need to raise funds. In addition, the Treasurer will be undertaking a 12-month expenditure review to see where any savings can be made.

Christmas Fair: The BoM was updated on plans for this year's fair. This was a great success last year and the Development Committee is working hard to build on that success. The event will take place on Sunday December 2nd. Please look out for messages and get involved. The fair is a great opportunity for the school to reach out beyond the immediate parent and guardian body to extended families and our local community.

School Development: The BoM discussed a timetable for completing the school Development Plan. Consultation on the plan will involve the whole school community and a draft will be circulated later this term.

School Policies: The BoM has begun consultation on the Communications Policy, which has been circulated by email. Please take time to look at it and to give us feedback if you can. The deadline is October 5th.

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

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