

## **RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 – Report to the School Community**

**Craft Fair:** The BoM expressed its sincere thanks to all those involved in organising, running and participating in the recent Craft Fair, which raised a magnificent €5,535 for the school. Many people put in a huge amount of time and effort to organise a fantastic day which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part.

**Development Plan:** The BoM discussed the latest version of the school development plan, which outlines the short, medium and long-term priorities for the school that have been drawn up following detailed discussions. The plan will be issued in January to the school community and everyone is asked to give their feedback. Following this final consultation phase, the BoM aims to finalise the plan early in the new year and begin its implementation. The BoM expressed its thanks to the members of the Development Committee for all their hard work on developing this important plan for the school.

**School Policies:** The BoM discussed and approved modifications to the Special Educational Needs Policy. The BoM also discussed updates to the Data Protection Policy which may be required to confirm RETNS is compliant with the GDPR. It was further agreed to continue work on the Health and Safety Policy and also to begin work on revising the Anti-Bullying Policy and Behaviour Policy for adoption early in the new year.

**School Finances:** As regularly stated, the school's finances continue to be very tight and there is an ongoing need to raise funds and to control expenditure. The BoM expressed its thanks to the Development Committee which has done sterling work in improving our fundraising efforts. Previously, funds were primarily raised in the second and third terms but the Development Committee has ensured that our fundraising is now spread over the year. It is hoped that this will increase the amounts raised but also make it easier for families to participate in different events.

**Sound Equipment:** The BoM discussed the need for new microphones and sound equipment and approved expenditure to replace two new microphones. The purchase of this equipment will be pursued in January.

**Maintenance:** The BoM was given a further update on the school boiler and necessary maintenance work, which will be carried out as soon as possible. The BoM also learned that resurfacing work of the car park area outside the community centre is likely to be carried out in the near future. This may involve some disruption to access to the school but more information will be provided when the details are finalised.

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

***And in our final report for this year, the BoM wishes everyone in RETNS a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year!***

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