

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 13 February 2019

– Report to the School Community

Resurfacing Works: The BoM noted that the resurfacing work of the outside area will take place over three days of next week's mid-term break. This work is being organised by the Community Centre and funded by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. There will be pedestrian access, but there will be no access for cars or other vehicles while the work takes place. This may cause some inconvenience but the upgrading and repair of the area is very much needed.

ET Meetings: The Educate Together General Members Meeting took place on 2 February 2019 where there was detailed discussion of the standing orders governing the organisation. Delegates also received information on the charities governance code to which ET must adhere. The AGM of Educate AGM will take place on Saturday, 30 March 2019 in Stepside Educate Together NS.

Purchase of drums: The BoM expressed its thanks to the Parents' Association for purchasing a set of samba drums for the school. The drums will be used by the children during the school week and also are part of the extra-curricular programme. Thanks are also due to Brian for his help in organising the purchase of the drums and his workshops on drumming which are thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

School Finances: The school's finances have improved moderately but remain very tight. The BoM continues to explore cost reduction measures but there is an ongoing need for fundraising. While the BoM is conscious of the financial pressure on families, the Development Committee is exploring fundraising opportunities in conjunction with the Parents' Association to raise money for much-needed school developments.

Development Committee: The BoM welcomed the appointment of John Brosnan as chair of the Development Committee and wished him well. The draft development plan, which outlines the short, medium and long-term priorities for the school that were drawn up following discussions, has been circulated to the school community for feedback. When this input is collated, the BoM will consider the issues raised with a view to ratifying and publishing the plan after its March meeting.

School Policies: The BoM ratified the revised health and safety policy, which will be uploaded to the website shortly. The BoM also discussed the next policy area priorities.

Maintenance: The BoM noted that safety concerns have been raised about the tree stump in the outside area and agreed that remedial work will be done to deal with the issue.

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

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