

## **RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 - Report to the School Community**

**Principal Transition:** The BoM was updated on the handover process. Maeve McCarthy has visited the school, met with the staff and is working with Mary to ensure as smooth a handover as possible. Maeve will start in September.

**Building Site:** Work on the building site adjacent to the fence that borders the playground is causing concern. There has been damage to the fence and some debris has come over the top. The BoM and staff are working to ensure everyone's safety. We have complained to the developer and to the Health and Safety Authority, resulting in some action to reinforce the fence. We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and take further action as necessary.

**Creative Schools:** The BoM noted that RETNS has been selected to be part of the Creative Schools Project and acknowledged the hard work that staff put into the application.

**School Finances:** Many thanks to the Parents Association and to all who helped to make Family Fun Day such a success this year. The event raised an estimated €3,300. Thanks also to those who took part in the recent mini-marathon to raise more funds for our school. These events are essential to give our children the resources and opportunities they need. We have worked hard this year to improve the school's financial position, but more will need to be done. The BoM discussed a fundraising calendar and plans for future events. Please watch out for them and get involved.

**School Development:** The BoM was updated on the activity of the Development Committee and discussed the latest draft of the Development Plan, which incorporates ideas from the whole school community including the students. Further consultations will be undertaken and the plan will be finalised in the new school year.

**School Policies:** The BoM considered the latest draft of a new Communications Policy. This will be circulated for consultation to the whole school community and finalised in due course.

**Flagpole:** The BoM agreed to erect a second flagpole so that we can fly both our Green Schools and Blue Star European flags.

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

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