

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 1st October, 2018 - Report to the School Community

Inspection: The BoM was briefed on the results of the recent incidental (unannounced) inspection. RETNS received very positive feedback on teachers' professionalism and the high standard of lessons observed.

School Finances: The Treasurer presented a review of income and expenditure over the past twelve months. While actions taken both to reduce expenditures and to raise additional funding have somewhat improved our financial position, RETNS is still operating with very little margin and more remains to be done.

Development Committee: The BoM was updated on the work of the Development Committee. Cyril Lynch is stepping down as Chairperson and we would like to thank him for his work since the committee was formed. We are looking for new members, so please consider whether you can make a contribution to the future of our school. Feedback is expected shortly from staff on the school Development Plan, which will then be circulated to the whole school community for comments/feedback.

Table Quiz: The BoM was updated on the committee's plans for a table quiz to be held in The Dropping Well on Thursday October 25th at 7.30pm. This event will raise money to improve the lighting and sound system in the hall ahead of this year's Winterfest. Participants are welcome from beyond the everyday school community. Please get involved and enter a team.

Winter Craft Fair: The BoM was updated on plans for this year's craft fair. Following the success of last year's event it was decided to expand the number of stalls and activities this year. The fair will take place on the afternoon of Sunday December 2nd. Please look out for messages and get involved.

School Grounds: The BoM discussed aspects of the school grounds that may require maintenance in the coming period, including the trees, outdoor surfaces and main entrance to the school. Priorities for expenditure will form part of the Development Plan.

Educate Together Conference: The BoM agreed to fund two places at this year's Educate Together teachers' conference.

First Aid Training: The BoM agreed to fund updated First Aid training for two members of staff.

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

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