

**Agreed Minutes of Shellybanks ETNS Board of Management Meeting
Tuesday 10th May 2016**

1. Educate Together AGM took place on Saturday, 21st May in Donabate ETNS.
2. **Building:** We will be in our current location for the school year 2016/2017. The DES have advised that we are a priority and we will update all parents/guardians when we have further developments.
3. Information Meeting for incoming parents will take place on Wed 25th May.
4. School Calendar 2016/2017 will be emailed to all parents.
5. The new **Primary Language Curriculum** has been distributed to all schools. The DES has approved all schools to close for 1 day of in service. This is a new development-suggest Friday 24th June. This was agreed by the Board.
6. **Fund applications:** The CGF application was submitted. The Aviva fund application was also submitted. Thanks to everyone for the huge amount of work put into these applications.
7. **Car Parking:** a complaint was received from the Intercontinental Hotel about parking in front of their service entrance. Parents were emailed and asked to refrain from parking in front of that entrance and our own school gates.
8. Shellybanks hosted Tánaiste Joan Burton and Minister Kevin Humphreys as they launched the Labour Party's Equality in Education Policy in February. There was coverage on RTE.
9. **DSPCA:** On Tuesday 1st March the DSPCA (Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) visited all classes to talk about caring for small animals.
10. **World Book Day** was on Thursday, 3rd March.
11. **School Trip:** Senior Infants went to The Ark (Temple Bar) to see 'Bees, A Musical' on Friday 11th March.
12. **Proclamation Day:** was on March 15th, 2016 for schools in Ireland. All parents/guardians, family and friends were invited to the event. We raised the Irish Flag on our school grounds.
13. **Lucy Leprechaun** came and visited the children the day before we broke up for the Easter break.
14. **Engineer's Week took place** from 28th February-5th March.
15. **Engineer:** As part of the Discover Primary Science and Maths Programme, Gareth, Grace's Dad came in and talked about his work as an engineer.

16. Community links and Parental Involvement

The professional class teacher is at all times responsible for the teaching and learning in the classroom. Where appropriate parents/invited guests may become involved in supporting the curriculum at the invitation of the school. The responsibility for organising any additional programmes and/or visits to enhance the school curriculum lies with the principal and the professional teaching staff in the school.

17. **School Picture Day:** School pictures were taken on Tuesday, 19th April.

18. **International Breakfast morning:** was a huge success and took place on 25th February

19. **Scholastic Book Fair:** took place in the school during the week of 11th to 15th April.

20. The PTA hosted a **Coffee Morning** on the week of the Book Fair.

21. **Sports Day** will take place on Tuesday 14th June in the grounds of the RDS weather permitting.

22. **Play it Forward Event:** The PTA is planning a fundraising event this Summer. The theme is "Play it forward". The day of the event is Saturday, June 11th from 12-4pm at Mt. Tabor Hall in Sandymount village.

23. **Secondary Schools Information Evening:** Rathfarnham Educate Together National School Parent's Association Committee is organising a Secondary Schools Information Evening for interested parents and guardians on Thursday, 12th May between 7.30pm and 9.30pm in their school hall. All parents/guardians in Shellybanks ETNS are welcome to attend this event.

24. A **Teddybear's Picnic** is planned to take place at the end of August for the introduction of incoming parents.

25. The following school plans were reviewed and ratified:

- Attendance and Punctuality
- Whole School Plan for Science
- Whole School Plan for Physical Education
- Critical Incident Policy
- Healthy Eating Policy
- Attendance and Punctuality Policy
- Data Protection Policy

26. **Mandatory Policy reviews:** parents will be invited to review these policies when they are due to be reviewed and asked to send suggestions to a new email address for this purpose.