

Agreed Minutes Shellybanks ETNS Board of Management Meeting
Monday 8th February 2016 @ 6.45pm
Shellybanks ETNS Staffroom

Attendees: Therese Gamble, Anne Marie Lillis, Olivia Freeman, Dania El Hossamy, Liam Duggan, Jessica Ryan, Annette McDermott and Michael O' Brien.

1. **Numbers:** We currently have 91 pupils enrolled-40 Junior Infants and 51 Senior Infants.
2. **Feeder School Update:**

Therese and Anne Marie met with Ann Sheppard, school manager in St Conleth's. We are now listed as a feeder school.

3. **PTA Elections:**

PTA election meeting was held on 19th January. Mary Clancy from NPC facilitated the meeting. There were approximately 25 people in attendance. The meeting was held in the church hall at top of Simonscourt Road. Reverend John Marchant was extremely welcoming and we may use the hall for future events. The following were elected:

Jr Infant Class Reps:

Anne Marie's Class

- Colm Anderson (Ben)
- Hugh Duggan (Tariku)
- Olga Fetisova (Artem)

Maura's class

- Paula Brown (Diego)
- Niall MacMullan (Liam)

Sr Infant Class Reps:

Aileen's class

- Lorra Kent (Luca)
- Olesya Khitrich (Maxim)

Laura/Rachel's class

- Stefanie Duesberg (Paula)
- Eimear Vaughn (Aaran)
- Jennifer Fleenor-O'Brien (Jack)

Parent reps from Board of Management

- Michael O'Brien (Jack, Laura's class)
- Dania Elhossamy (Hassan, Aileen's Class)

Teacher Representative

- Anne Marie Lillis (Jr. Infants)

The PTA will meet on Wednesday, 28th January to elect people into officer roles.

4. **School Vision Statement:** Our Vision Statement will involve contributions from whole school community-board, Staff, children and parents.

5. Educate Together EGM Report

Michael O'Brien attended the EGM meeting on behalf of board of management. The financial situation of Educate Together was outlined at the meeting and the board agreed to put the voluntary contribution to Educate Together on the PTA fundraising wish list.

6. Educate Together's AGM

Educate Together's AGM will be held on Saturday, 21st May in Donabate ETNS. Therese will attend.

7. Proclamation day-15th March.

We will have a flag raising ceremony on the school grounds and read the Proclamation. All parents/guardians/wider community are welcome to attend this special event.

8. Policies for ratification

Maths Plan and Drama Plan were ratified

9. It was agreed we would send out a weekly Bulletin via email every Monday morning to inform parents/guardians of events in the school

Special Occasions celebrated in School:

Mid – Winter Show

The mid-winter show took place on Wednesday 16th December.

Santa Claus

Before the holidays we had a visit from Santa Claus to the school. He came to each of the classrooms and had a little present for each child.

Learn Together Curriculum

Lev's dad Adam Hartman in senior infants came into each of the classes before the holidays and spoke to the children about **Hannuka**. He showed them the spinning top toy the 'dreidel' and also brought in some pastries for the senior infants which are eaten by many families to celebrate Hannuka.

The children learned about the story of **Christmas** and coloured and decorated Christmas trees to mark the Christmas season.

Martin Luther King Day was celebrated on Monday January 18th. Children in senior infants completed an 'I have a dream activity ...'

In junior infants the children talked about the importance of treating each other fairly and about how we are all different in terms of how we look: eye colour, hair, skin, tall short and that we are all different. The importance of including everyone in games during play time in the yard was highlighted.

8th February marked the beginning of the Chinese New Year – the year of the Monkey.

Upcoming Learn Together celebrations in the Belief Systems strand include Pancake Tuesday and Darwin Day. With the help of the children Sonja has started on an “Under the Sea” wall display which will be ready to mark Darwin Day on February 12th.

Primary Science and Maths Award

As part of our application for the Primary Science and Maths Award we will have a **visiting scientist** from Maynooth University this Wednesday February 10th.

PE: Gaelic Football coaching started back for the children in Senior Infants with a new coach Rachel on Mondays.

Mindfulness is now finished with the senior infants. Dates will soon be arranged for junior infants.

Healthy Lunches

The senior infants have been doing great work in relation to healthy eating and healthy lunches. These sent in photographs to Operation Transformation of a selection of lunch boxes. RTÉ may be out to the school to speak to the children about it and to record it for the show.