

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 14th Dec 2021 8.30pm

Lucht Freastail:

Micheál Ó Tuama	Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan	
Des Connolly	Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin	
Helen Mannion	Paula Di Roisti	Breda Dennehy
Caroline Murphy	Fiona McCormack	Winnie Lynch
Tricia Ryan	Mark Chu	Elaine Hill

Leithscéalta

Jerry Reen	Carmel Broderick	Suzanne Moloney
Collette Finnegan	Josephine Sugrue (unable to login)	

Minutes Issued by: Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin

AGENDA:

Fáilte (Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan)
Apologies (Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan)
Minutes from previous meeting (Nicola Malone)
Cúntas an Príomhoide (Micheál Ó Tuama)
Golf Classic (Des Connolly)
Roll Call
Actions' List
AOB
Date for next meeting

Imeachtaí Scoile:

1. **09/11/21** European Language Week was celebrated at school
2. **11/11/21** B14 + B15 went to the Cork International Language Film Festival
3. **11/11/21** Last year's B16 celebration night in The Rochestown Park Hotel. It was a great night. The Rochestown Park Hotel was extremely professional, especially in its handling of Covid-19 protocols. The students were very well behaved and it was lovely to hear the speeches etc in Irish.
4. **15/11/21** B16 Parent/Teacher Meetings as well as a B16 geography outing to Inchydoney beach

5. **16/11/21** Meeting for 5th Years' parents. 80% turnout
6. **17/11/21** Two Students from the school, Seán Ó Conaill and Korie Ní Dhochartaigh spoke with the NCCA in relation to the proposed Irish Language Leaving Cert curriculum and exam changes (L1/L2). They also gave their presentation to the Students' Council who sent a letter to the NCCA outlining their concerns. A letter was written by teachers, signed by all staff members and also sent to the NCCA, highlighting teachers' apprehensions about the proposed changes.
7. **23/11/21** Board of Management meeting
8. **26/11/21** B16 cinema trip to see a movie in Irish
9. **30/11/21** B13 Parent/Teacher meetings
10. **03/12/21** Poet and writer, Mick Foley, spoke with B13 & B16
11. **09/12/21** Staff Meeting 15:30 – 17:30
12. **13/12/21** BL4 Fota on Ice
13. **14/12/21** B15 began their Christmas exams. These are the first proper set of exams this group has been able to sit since their Pre-Junior Cycle exams in 3rd Year.
14. **14/12/21** Preliminary construction meeting took place.

WELCOME

Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan welcomed everyone to the final meeting of 2021.

APOLOGIES

Jerry, Carmel, Collette and Suzanne sent their apologies. Joesphine tried to login while traveling but unfortunately was unsuccessful.

MINUTES

The minutes from 9th November 2021 were read by Nicola Malone. They were then proposed by Helen Mannion and seconded by Elaine Hill.

INCOMING FIRST YEARS 2022-2023

Further to last month's minutes, Micheál explained that all 120 places have now been filled. There are currently 28 students on the waiting list. Micheál had hoped that there would be a 'meet and greet' in January 2022 for incoming students and parents. This is a very important part of the bond between the school, parents

and students. Due to rising Covid cases, however, this will have to be postponed until later in the year.

NEW CLASSROOMS AND SCIENCE LAB

Unfortunately, due Covid related issues in Modulacc's warehouse in Limerick, the installation of the additional classrooms and science lab has been delayed. They are now expected to be ready for use by 1st February 2022.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The application process for members of the Student's Council has now been completed. They meet as a group once a week and are then joined by Micheál and Liam. It is working really well.

CÚRSAÍ TÓGÁIL

As mentioned in Micheál's account earlier, the preliminary construction meeting took place on 14/Dec/2021. It was a momentous meeting of the design team. The school expansion program consists of Building Services – Varming, Civil Engineers – Downes, Quantity Surveyors – Turley's and main architect – Cork-based KOBW who are leading the project. The construction subcommittee consists of Micheál Ó Tuama, Liam Ó Laighin, Ciarán Ó Cnoic, Ruairí Ó Caitháin and Máiréad Ní Drisceoil. The next step in the process is to agree on a design for the new building. This will then be submitted for planning permission. Further to this will be the tender process and then construction may begin. Overall, it will be a lengthy process.

GOLF CLASSIC

Des gave us an update on the Golf Classic. Suzanne and Ken have met to discuss dates etc. They will then follow up with the Cumann and Micheál. Micheál has spoken to Suzanne and dates in June are limited. It is still very much a work in progress behind the scenes.

SNOWBALL RUN

Micheál updated us on the Snowball run which will take place on Wednesday 22nd December 2021. He met Des onsite and they have agreed where the balls will be dropped and where they will end. Suzanne has organised the printing of the tickets. Micheál has visited each classroom and explained everyone should try their best to sell whatever number of tickets they can – each ticket sale is appreciated and there is no pressure if tickets cannot be sold. He will visit 6th years tomorrow. LP Walsh is the main sponsor again this year. There will also be prizes for a ticket seller in each individual year. Details of the tickets and the last Snowball Run video are available on the App.

Des wondered about the availability of a Santa. Micheál has one organised who is currently looking for a costume. The question was also raised about the availability of the sound system equipment, decorations, giant snow man etc. The sound equipment is available from the school. The hill last year was lined with white foam material. There is some bunting available. The snow machine was provided by Suzanne. Micheál mentioned there was a photographer from the Irish Examiner took shots last year and they ended up on the cover. He

asked if this could be a possibility again this year. The remaining items are just the tables and golf balls. The balls will be released from the designated start to the end spot. The first 10 balls closest to the end point win prizes. Tickets are to be back by Monday afternoon 20th Dec 2021 at the latest. There may be the possibility to make the draws for the students before the Snowball Run. Micheál is conscious of students gathering together especially considering the restricted space in the basketball court due to the new classrooms.

Nicola asked if there is the possibility of setting up payment through the app. Other parents agreed this would be a helpful option. Micheál agreed and will set this up shortly.

RUGBY JERSEY

Breda is hopeful that she will have news in relation to the Irish Rugby Jersey very soon.

AOB

Additional subject availability

Following the recent school subject survey, Helen wondered if there was a timeline as to when these new subjects will be available to students or if it is dependent on the new school building. Micheál explained the survey was carried out to show the department the wishes of the parents. They will not be yet available in the short term but it is very important to have this information to schedule them in the future. It is hopeful that the 2022-23 B11 will have an amazing range of subjects when they will be picking their Leaving Certificate subjects in Transition Year.

Cat4

Nicola asked if the results of the Cat4 exams, which students sit in first year, are available to parents. Micheál explained that if parents wish to contact the Oifig they may request a copy.

ACTIONS

1. Organise date for Golf Classic – Ken Carroll & Suzanne Moloney
2. Setup payment for Snowball Run tickets through the App - Micheál
3. Look at options to sell/raffle the Irish Rugby Jersey - Breda
4. Organise Irish Examiner photographer for Snowball Run – Nicola

CUMANN WHATSAPP GROUP

Julie reminded everyone they may be added to the Cumann na dTuismitheoirí Whatsapp group if they contact either Julie or Nicola.

CLOSE

In closing, Julie said she is delighted on a personal level to be the current chairperson and thanked everyone for their support, teamwork and enthusiasm. For now, the meetings will continue online. Julie wished everyone a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year. She also asked Mícheál to relay our gratitude to all the staff for

their work throughout the year. The next meeting will take place on 18th January 2022 at 8.30pm through Microsoft Teams.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 8.30pm