# **Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents Association**

# **Coláiste an Phiarsaigh**

**Miontuairisc: Wed 14th March 2018**

**Lucht Freastail: Helen Mannion Michelle Lane Micheál Ó Tuama**

**Heidi Robertson Majella Finnegan Pamela Dennehy**

 **Mary Mc Carthy Suzanne Moloney Carmel Ní Bhrudair**

**Síle Ní Dhuinneacha-Uí Cheallacháin Colette Ní Fhionnagáin**

 **Rebecca Kelly Sara Treacy**

**Leithscéalta: Kieran Hill Gillian Ní Ghreachán**

**Lisa McCarthy Teresa Hassett**

**Minutes Issued by: Helen Mannion**

**AGENDA: Apologies**

 **Adoption of Minutes from 20th February 2018**

 **Fograí Scoile: (Micheál Ó Tuama)**

 **Litir Chuig an Roinn Oideachais**

 **Updates: Golf Classic, Supervalu.**

 **AOB**

**Fograí Scoile:**

1. **19/02/18** **Bl. 3** & **Bl. 6** will undertake their Orals and all practical exams after Easter with an external examiner.
2. **20/02/18 Bl. 2** Parent Teacher Meeting.
3. **21/02/18 Bl. 5** History Trip
4. **22/02/18** Staff Training for Gaisce took place.
5. **26/02/18** Tráth na gCeist for Gaelscoileanna na Mumhan was hosted by Coláiste. The Coláiste team went to the All-Ireland finals on Tues 13th March.
6. **26/02/18** Scala were on site with **Bl. 4** regarding Meitheal which is an integral part of the school.
7. **27/02/18 Bl. 5** went to an English Movie as part of their LC course.
8. **06/03/18 Bl.4** participated in a parade for the Gaelscoilanna & Gaelcholáistí in Cork.
9. **07/03/18** Subject choices for LC for **Bl. 4** has begun. **Bl.4** have completed a survey to get them thinking about subjects as they have all had an introduction to all. After Easter they will choose their LC subjects and will be given 1 more opportunity to make a change before the summer.
10. **07/03/18 Bl.4** completed their CAT 4 exam. Ber Breathnach will go through each result individually with the students.
11. **09/03/18** The Ag Science students went to Moorepark.
12. **13/03/18** Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated in the school.
13. **13/03/18 Bl. 2** went to Romeo & Juliet.
14. **14/03/18 Bl. 4** interviews for Meitheal were held. Twelve **Bl. 4** students were chosen and will undertake 4 days training in Blackrock. 1st- 4th May.
15. **14/03/18** Critical Incident Management training took place in Bessboro with NEPS. Eg. helping the school/teachers on how to deal with the media etc should the need arise.
16. **23/03/18** Training for staff on new policy relating to Child Protection Guidelines will be undertaken. All ancillary staff have already been trained.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT**

As the Dept. of Ed. has stated that based on the demographics of the area there will not be funding granted for a new school **and in fact informed the school in 2017 that any extra requirements/demand could be met by Mayfield Community as there are ample vacancies there.** The Dept. of Education also suggested that maybe the Gael Teo building could be renovated and used by the Coláiste to a cost possibly in the region of €4/5 Million.

The Consulting Engineer Brian O’Kennedy met with Micheál, Liam and Heidi (Cumann Rep) and then returned on Monday 12th March while the school was empty to do a thorough walkabout. They confirmed that Portacabins are not compliant and that flooring and toilet facilities were also far from acceptable. However as the report has not yet been issued, the Cumann needs to wait before drafting the letter.

Upon receipt of the Engineer’s report a letter will be drafted by a sub-committee. Contact names in the Dept of Ed. to be forwarded to Michelle/Helen. Once approved a copy of the letter and report summary will be forwarded to all parents by e-mail to inform them of what is being done. A text may also be sent in advance of this e-mail to ensure all parents are aware of same. Parents are being asked to read the documentation, sign and return to the school.

A list of Politicians is also to be created as a copy of this letter is also to be circulated to them. It is hoped that these letters will be hand delivered to each of their political clinics.

Suggested list of Politicians to send letter to:

Billy Kelleher

Dara Murphy

Micheál Martin

Simon Covney

Eoin O’Leary

Michael Mc Grath

Once suggestion from the Engineering Firm was that maybe the school could present the Dept. of Ed. with a proposal from an Architectural Firm on what could be achieved with the possible spend of €4/5 Million on a ‘new build’ verses revamping an old house. Micheál has in fact already spoken to KOBW Architects who would have experience in designing school buildings.

**GOLF CLASSIC**

Sponsors for this years Golf Classic (Friday 28th Sept. 2018 in Cork Golf Club) need to be identified by the end of the school Year. (2019 Golf Classic date is Friday 13th Sept 2019).

**DEFIBRILLATORS**

Majella has received 3 quotes for a portable defibrillator which are relatively close in cost. Cardiac Services: €1,400, Safety Tech €1,000-€1,600 and Elite Ambulances €1,360 with a current offer of €1,195. All plus VAT. Majella to finalise details and place an order.

**LOCKERS**

The remaining Bl. 3 classrooms are to be completed in coming months once new ‘Vinyl’ has been laid. It is then envisaged that Bl. 5, & Bl. 6 will be accommodated by September 2018. The Cumann gave the Coláiste a cheque in the amount of €7,473.60 for lockers already purchased.

**SCHOOL TRACKSUIT**

MÓT is working with staff and Comhairle na Mac Léinn with regard to finalising new “Tracksuit End” and school shorts. **Update to be given at next meeting, 10th April 2018**.

**AOB**

* Helen confirmed that the Bag Packing will be held in SuperValu on 12th & 13th Oct 2018.
* A request was made to round up the “airgead don scoil” to €10 per pupil.
* It was agreed that the Cumann will move all monies and banking requirements from BOI to AIB in Glanmire.
* The quality of the sound in the halla for the ‘Pre-Aurals’ was not very satisfactory. This will be looked into but the aurals for the state exams will not be held in the halla in any case.
* A request was made for communication to be improved for Bl. 4 students as there is so much on it’s difficult for the students to keep up to date with day-to-day activities.
* It was envisaged that the road beside the school would be widened in summer of 2018 but this is now looking unlikely as some local businesses do not appear to be on board yet.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 8.30pm.**