

**Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association**  
**Coláiste an Phiarsaigh**  
**AGM 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021**

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**Minutes Issued by: Nicola Malone**

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**CLÁR**

- 1. Minutes of AGM 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Helen Mannion)**
  - 2. Treasurer's Report (Suzanne Moloney)**
  - 3. Tuairisc an Chathaoirligh (Michelle Philpott)**
  - 4. Oráid an Phríomhoide (Micheál Ó Tuama)**
  - 5. Election of Officers**
  - 6. AOB**
  - 7. Date of next meeting**
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**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Helen Mannion read the Minutes of the AGM from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Suzanne Moloney presented the financials from 2019/20.

There is presently €363.67 in the current account and €3720 with the school in Voluntary Contributions.

It was a disappointing year from a fundraising point of view. The Golf Classic did not go ahead on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 due to Covid-19.

The Closing Balance in October 2019 was €4552.04.

Bag packing in Supervalu took place on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and raised €1200. This was down on previous years as it was a particularly quiet weekend in Supervalu. The inaugural Snowball Run was held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Main sponsors were LP Walsh (€800) and Hovione (€100). It raised a total of €3800, the majority of which was used to fund students participating in The BT Young Scientist of the Year 2020. It was also used for other items around the school. €579 was spent on sitting/standing desks. There were several outlays for this Snowball Run including Inflatable Christmas decorations, Santa Sacks, Raffle tickets, balloons etc. There is currently a €1000 deposit with Fota Island Golf Club. €2500 was given to the school over the summer of 2020 to fund the new school app. The Voluntary Contributions received is to be used by the school as required.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Michelle Philpott welcomed everybody to the meeting and explained this was the second ever zoom meeting for Cumann na dTuismitheoirí. Michelle mentioned we were just up and running in 2020, preparing for fund raising in the year ahead, when Covid hit and everything came to a halt. The members of the committee, Helen, Suzanne and Heidi were all thanked by Michelle for their hard work. Micheál Ó Tuama was also thanked for all his help and support over the last year. Michelle thanked regular attendees of the meetings as well as Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan for her help as Vice Chairperson during the year. Michelle says of her 4 years in office as Chairperson she has enjoyed every minute and thanks everyone for their support during that time. Michelle then presented her report from 2019/2020 which was all-in-all very successful considering there were only five months in which to work.

### **Achievements of 2019/2020**

- Bag-Packing in Supervalu, Glanmire Oct 2019
- Snowball Run in Dec 2019
- Financially contributed towards Young Scientist participants in Jan 2020 by means of sit/stand desks, travel etc
- Unique School App contribution
- Jerseys and sports equipment donation

### **Confirmed Dates:**

- No confirmed future dates for fundraising due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation

## **ORÁID AN PHRÍOMHOIDE:**

Micheál Ó Tuama offered a warm welcome to everybody attending the first ever online AGM.

Micheál then paid tribute to the four officers of the Cumann and to all parents who attend the meetings, give their perspectives as well as their help to the school throughout the year. He thanked Helen for her excellent minutes from last year's AGM and for all the minutes throughout the year.

The principals' report was then presented to the group:

- 22/Aug/2019 Teachers returned to school
- 10/Sept/2019 Information night for Leaving Cert parents- outlining possible pitfalls during the year ahead, details of the academic year ahead as well as CAO advice.
- 12/Sept/2019 1<sup>st</sup> Year Parents' evening
- 16-19/Sept/2019 Transition year students' trip to Barcelona – 78 students in total
- 03/Oct/2019 Open Night for potential students for upcoming academic year '21-'22
- 09/Oct/2019 First of many Board of Management meetings throughout the year
- 17/Oct/2019 Sean Fallon spoke to Teachers and parents on the topic of anti-bullying (documents for which are available on both the App and school website)
- 08/Oct/2019 6<sup>th</sup> Years went to see Hamlet

- 14/Oct/2019 The Lord Mayor, Cllr John Sheehan, visited the school. This was an historic occasion. It was the first time a Lord Mayor has visited Coláiste an Phiarsaigh as Glanmire is now part of the city. This was marked by a tree planting ceremony.
- 18-19/Nov/2019 Driving courses for TY students
- 18/Dec/2019 Christmas concert held
- 11/Jan/2020 1<sup>st</sup> Year Induction morning and parent talk
- 13-17/Jan/2020 TY stay at Cappanalea (The National Centre for Outdoor and Education Training)
- 10/Feb/2020 Staff training day for new Junior Cycle
- 03-14/Feb/2020 Pre-Exams for Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate Students
- 02/Mar/2020 Health and Wellbeing week
- 02-05/Mar/2020 A very successful TY production of Aladdin in the Firkin Crane Theatre

Despite everything coming to standstill due to Covid-19, teaching, learning, assessments and training began online.

- Virtual prize-giving ceremony went ahead
- Online Critical Incident Training
- Online Child Protection Training
- Launch of the new school app – this has allowed communication to be streamlined and maintained connections with parents and students
- The huge challenge of Calculated Grades has been dealt with by the staff through hard work
- Wonderful Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle results were celebrated and brought the school to the end of an unreal year

### Mór Bhuíochas

Micheál Ó Tuama again gave huge thanks to the officers of Cumann na dTuismitheoirí; Michelle, Helen, Suzanne & Heidi. He was most appreciative of the time they have given to help and support the school. Micheál was also grateful to the cohort of parents for coming to the cumann meetings and giving of their time, thoughts and offering ways forward for Coláiste an Phiarsaigh. Micheál then thanked the Board of Management, caretaker, teaching & office staff and wonderful students for their continued support. Micheál also expressed his gratitude to the parents, without whose support the school would not be where it is. He acknowledged these are very difficult times; working from home alongside learning from home and is very appreciative of the goodwill shown by all.

### ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

- Michelle Philpott proposed Julie Dennehy-O’Callaghan as Chairperson, was seconded by Helen Mannion and accepted by Julie.
- Helen Mannion proposed Nicola Malone as Rúnaí, was seconded by Michelle Philpott and accepted by Nicola.
- Des Connolly has been acting as Vice Treasurer to Suzanne Moloney and the understanding was that he would accept the role if nominated and seconded. However, as he was not in attendance, it was proposed that the election of Treasurer be delayed until the next meeting. All present agreed.

- Heidi Robertson asked to continue in the role as PRO. All agreed.

### COMMITTEE FOR 2021/2022

- Chairperson : Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan
- Secretary : Nicola Malone
- Treasurer : TBD at next meeting
- PRO : Heidi Robertson

### AOB

Heidi thanked Micheál for sending emails in both English and Irish as it is much easier for parents.

Julie thanked Michelle for her encouragement and support throughout the year. She also thanked all the officers, Micheál Ó Tuama and all the school.

The incoming committee needs to decide on how best to host the next meeting online – Zoom, Teams etc. Julie and Nicola will discuss this offline.

Should anyone require copies of minutes, treasurer's report, principal's report etc, they may do so by contacting [oifig@colanphiarsaigh.ie](mailto:oifig@colanphiarsaigh.ie).

A decision will need to be taken at next meeting as to what will happen with the €1000 Fota deposit e.g., ask for a refund, let it rollover to next Golf Classic etc

Michelle once again thanked the former officers, the incoming officers, Micheál Ó Tuama and Liam Ó Laighin. "It has been a pleasure. Míle buíochans agus slán", arsa Michelle.

The next meeting date of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 was confirmed.

**Next Cumann na dTuismitheoirí Meeting Date:**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 at 8.30pm.**