

# Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

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Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 8.30pm

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**Lucht Freastail:**

<b>Micheál Ó Tuama</b>	<b>Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan</b>	
<b>Des Connolly</b>	<b>Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin</b>	
<b>Helen Mannion</b>	<b>Catriona Hogan- Twomey</b>	
<b>Paula Kennedy</b>	<b>Breda Dennehy</b>	<b>Cliona Fergy</b>
<b>Winnie Lynch</b>	<b>Carmel Broderick</b>	<b>Suzanne Moloney</b>
<b>Josephine Sugrue</b>	<b>Jerry Reen</b>	<b>Elaine Hill</b>
<b>Mary Haslim</b>		

**Leithscéalta**

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**Minutes Issued by:** Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin

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**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 Update**
- Actions' List Update**
- Roll Call**
- AOB**
- Date for next meeting**

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**Imeachtaí Scoile:**

1. **16/12/21** B14 went to the Panto in The Everyman
2. **20/12/21** Visit from the Design Team for the new school – walked the entire building for 2 ½ hrs to get a good feel for the work to be planned and carried out. Ground tests are next then followed by a report
3. **22/12/21** Snowball Draw and Christmas Holidays. As the weather was horrendous on 22<sup>nd</sup> December a decision was taken to cancel the Snowball run and conduct a regular draw instead. Santa visited every classroom. The draw took place for the prizes for the individual students in each year. This was followed by the main draw. EUR2,500 was raised in total. This money was used towards the purchase of 40 badly needed gym mats which cost EUR3,200.

4. **10/01/22 – 28/01/22** Three Student Teachers joined the school for work experience
5. **12/01/22** Five groups took part in the Young Scientist Exhibition online. While there were no award winners this year, they were all fascinating projects. The groups will be presenting their projects to the Student Council next week. Micheál is very proud of the work carried out by both the students and M Ó Buachalla.
6. **12/01/22** Munster Senior Camogie semi-final. The match between Coláiste an Phiarsaigh and Nenagh took place in Mallow. Unfortunately, the students lost by a few points.
7. **13/01/22** HEPA Filters have been installed throughout the school. We received a grant from the Department for EUR25,000. The total cost of supply and installation was EUR39,000. The school enlisted the guidance of engineers and spoke to many companies ahead of final decision. We went with IQAir in Leixlip who had previously installed a system in the halla. Every office, classroom and workspace now has a HEPA filter. Windows and doors are still open and the heating is running continuously, however it is now much more comfortable due to the filters.
8. **14/01/22** One minute's silence held in honour of Aisling Murphy. Micheál wanted to acknowledge the tragic events of the past week where Aisling Murphy lost her life. He offered his condolences to her family and friends. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January students will wear blue, white or pink in memory of Aisling. A donation of EUR2.00 per student will be given to the Sexual Violence Centre in Cork. The Director of the centre will visit transition year students. Micheál felt it was important that Coláiste recognises and embraces the sadness that was evident.
9. **17/01/22** Drum Workshop for BL4
10. **17/01/22** Transition Year engineering course took place with PM
11. **18/01/22** Transition Year 'Look into Law' course took place

## **WELCOME**

Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2022.

## **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received

## **MINUTES**

The minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were read by Nicola Malone. They were then proposed by Des Conolly and seconded by Micheál Ó Tuama.

## **LEAVING CERT 2022**

Student council have had a meeting in relation to Leaving Cert 2022. They've had the conversation as to whether or not they would prefer they hybrid version of predictive grades and in-person exams or the traditional Leaving Cert. They completed a questionnaire and sent it to the Irish Second Level Student's Union. They are awaiting a response.

## **GOLF CLASSIC**

Suzanne spoke to Ken Carroll before Christmas. A decision was to be made choosing a date in either June or August 2022. Suzanne explained the cost of the venue has increased significantly compared to previous years. At least EUR6,000 will need to be raised from local businesses to cover the green fees alone. This will be particularly difficult in this climate where many of these businesses have been closed or open for shorter hours due to Covid-19. We have recently received sponsorship from LP Walsh for the Snowball Run. The EUR6,000 fee does not include lunch, prizes etc. If there were 40 teams at a cost of EUR200 per team this would generate EUR8,000. From her experience in Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil, Clíona mentioned that it is a lot of work for the amount of money raised.

Suzanne suggested we have a raffle similar to those run by GAA clubs; Win a Camper Van, Win a Garden Pod etc. Tickets would be sold via social media and the return could be a lot higher. Micheál highlighted the fact that Douglas GAA struggled to sell tickets for their second 'Win a Gaff' draw as it had lost momentum.

Suzanne will check with Ken to see if it is already booked and, if it is, check to see if it is transferable. She will then research the Golf options and weigh them up against the Camper Van/Garden Pod idea. Micheál will speak to Ken and make a decision by February meeting. He will also speak with the other main sponsors, Alt and Itomic and have information for the next meeting.

## **CÚRSAÍ TÓGÁIL**

The original schedule of accommodation is no longer adequate. A survey has been carried out, information has been gathered and sent to the Department. Currently in talks with the Department as to what classrooms we have and what we would like the setup to be in the future. Unfortunately, we cannot commence the design until we know what is to be designed.

## **ACTION LIST UPDATE**

1. Organise date for Golf Classic – This will be decided upon by February meeting
2. Setup payment for Snowball Run tickets through the App – Wasn't set up for the Snowball Run fundraiser as some ticket sales had already come through the Oifig. It would have led to confusion. Will definitely look into it for future events.
3. Look at options to sell/raffle the Irish Rugby Jersey – Breda - ongoing
4. Organise Irish Examiner photographer for Snowball Run – This was arranged but had to be cancelled as the event changed to a raffle due to inclement weather on the day

## AOB

### Right turn filter lane outside of school

Mary Haslim mentioned she had seen in local media there will be some work near the entrance to Coláiste and wondered if there was information available in relation to this. Micheál explained the Cork City Council has purchased land from Gaelachas Teo in order to widen the road outside Grandon's garage. This will include the removal of some trees, moving the wall and creating a right turn filter lane (which will turn onto Church Hill). There will also be a pedestrian access through the wall up to the school for students as well as the widening and realignment of the school gates. Work should commence in the next few weeks and, even though, it will be chaos while the work is ongoing, Micheál is hoping much of this will take place over the Easter and Mid-term breaks.

### Uniform

Clíona asked if students were allowed to wear a hoodie under their school uniform as they are with their school tracksuits. Micheál said students may wear extra layers under their school uniforms if required.

### Reflective clothing

Nicola highlighted the fact it is difficult to see students on dark/wet wintry mornings & evenings and wondered if it would be possible to have a reflective strip added to the school jacket. Micheál said this would not be a problem and will propose it. Nicola also asked if there was the possibility of having a warmer jacket available for students. Micheál explained there are two jackets already available – one lighter and one warmer.

## ACTIONS

1. Decide if Golf Classic is going ahead (check to see if booked) – Suzanne, Micheál & Ken
2. Speak to Alt & Itomic about potential sponsorship - Micheál
3. Work out the numbers of a Golf Classic Vs Raffle run through social media – Suzanne
4. Look at options to sell/raffle the Irish Rugby Jersey – Breda
5. Reflective strip to be added to Coláiste coat – Micheál

## CLOSE

In closing, Julie thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone a happy new year. She was delighted to see so many people attend the meeting. The next meeting will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 8.30pm through Microsoft Teams.

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 8.30pm**