

# Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 8.30pm

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**Lucht Freastail:**

Micheál Ó Tuama	Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan	
Helen Mannion	Josephine Sugrue	Paula Di Roisti
Jerry Reen	Des Connolly	Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin
Caroline Murphy	Rose Foley	Dave Lewis
Fiona McCormack	Sharon Kellaney	Winnie Lynch
Breda Dennehy	Carmel Brudair	Collette Finnegan
Ken Carroll	Therése O'Flynn	Caroline Byrne

**Leithscéalta**

Mark Chu	Elaine Hill	Suzanne Moloney
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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)
- Imeachtaí Scoile (Micheál Ó Tuama)
- Golf Classic
- Snowball Run
- L1 & L2 LC Restructure
- AOB
- Date for next meeting

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## Imeachtaí Scoile:

1. **26/08/21** Return to School
2. **07/09/21** Bl4 Trip to Fota
3. **10/09/21** E-Tender forms sent for the construction of the new building
4. **14/09/21** Staff Meeting 15:30 – 17:30
5. **15/09/21** Visit by the HSE Inspector, Helen Ní Chathain. Child protection policies and procedures were reviewed as well as an in-depth Covid inspection. It was decided to remove the satellite classes from the halla and return to normal classroom setup, while

still adhering to the strict Covid19 guidelines. This involved a significant amount of work over the weekend

6. **28/09/21** Board of Management meeting
7. **01/10/21** Applications for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> years available (2022/2023). Virtual video, advertisements in the Evening Echo and Irish Examiner as well as visits to primary schools by Micheál were some of the activities undertaken this year. There will be 120 places available in Sept 2022 and there have been over 170 applications. First round offers will go out this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November
8. **12/10/21** Information Night for 1<sup>st</sup> Year parents. There was over 90% participation. Presentations were given by Liam, Mairéad Ní Chruialaoí (Head of 1<sup>st</sup> Years) and Míchaél.
9. **13/10/21** Staff Meeting 15:30 – 17:30
10. **14/10/21** CAT4 and PPAT Assessments for BL1
11. **20/10/21** BL1 Trip
12. **21/10/21** BL2 Trip
13. **03/11/21** Information Night for parents of BL6
14. **04/11/21** Construction subcommittee formed
15. **08/11/21** Board of Management Meeting

Micheál thanked all the parents for attending the Cumann meeting as their contributions are invaluable. He thanked parents for their input and opinions given in the recent school survey for subjects to be included going forward. The results of the survey have been forwarded to the Department of education.

Micheál spoke about the installation of 3 extra classrooms and a new science lab which should hopefully be up and running by Christmas.

### **WELCOME**

Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan warmly welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new academic year.

### **APOLOGIES**

Mark, Elaine and Suzanne sent their apologies

## **MINUTES**

The minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were read by Nicola Malone. They were then proposed by Josephine Sugrue and seconded by Colette Finnegan.

## **CÚRSAÍ TÓGÁIL**

A construction subcommittee has been formed. The subcommittee, Paul O’Sullivan (chief architect from the Department) and the Joint Managerial Body (JMB) were all involved in the tender process. This has now been completed, the construction team has been selected and will be announced over the coming weeks.

## **GOLF CLASSIC**

It has been agreed to go ahead with the Golf Classic again in 2022. A date has yet to be decided – the preference is for a June date. Ken Carroll will contact Fota Golf Club on 10/11/2021 to check availability options. Discussions will continue at the next meeting in relation to BBQ, subcommittee formation, organising teams etc.

## **SNOWBALL RUN**

It was agreed the Snowball Run will proceed again this year. Suzanne has the template for sponsorship cards. Julie will touch base with Suzanne re printing of same. These will need to be given to students before December. Helen mentioned prizes were previously given to one student from each year as this encourages the sale of the tickets, especially in the older classes. Mícheál will contact the main sponsors for prizes.

Des agreed to contact Suzanne with regards the fundraising. Winnie, Jerry and Breda also volunteered to help out.

## **RUGBY JERSEY**

Breda will look into ways to auction/sell the signed Irish Rugby Jersey.

## **L1 & L2 LEAVING CERT RESTRUCTURE PROPOSAL FROM 2025**

Julie mentioned there is still time for parents to contact Gaeloideachas ([eolas@gaeloideachas.ie](mailto:eolas@gaeloideachas.ie)) and the NCCA (through their website: <https://ncca.ie/en/contact/>) in order to voice concerns over the proposed restructure of the L1 & L2 Leaving cert.

Alternatively, parents can email Nicola ([malone\\_nicola@hotmail.com](mailto:malone_nicola@hotmail.com)) regarding same. The Cumann na dTuismitheoirí can correlate all concerns and forward them to both bodies.

A copy of Gaeloideachas seminar is still available on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/d8UChbsJ8S0>

## **AOB**

After school study for younger students

Nicola mentioned she has been contacted by a few parents enquiring about after school study for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years. Some children have little option to study at home, with restricted space and younger siblings being their main concern. Mícheál offered to have those parents contact him directly so he may be able to accommodate them. Currently it is a difficult need to meet due to the deep cleaning of all classrooms each evening, supervised study for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6 years, various clubs using some rooms as well as boarders utilizing some spaces at those times.

#### Lockers

Some parents have contacted members of the Cumann in relation to availability of lockers for younger classes, 1<sup>st</sup> years in particular. Mícheál explained the largest classrooms are in use by 6<sup>th</sup> years so they may avail of the lockers. Due to Covid19 social distancing, it is not yet possible to use lockers in other classrooms. Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> years and 1<sup>st</sup> years themselves have been advised of same.

### **ACTIONS**

1. Contact Fota Golf Club to check availability for the Golf Class in June 2022 – Ken Carroll
2. Golf Classic to be discussed at next meeting - All
3. Contact Suzanne in relation to the printing of Snowball Run sponsorship cards - Julie
4. Contact sponsors for Snowball Run main prizes – Mícheál
5. Contact Suzanne re fundraising – Des
6. Look at options to sell the Rugby Jersey - Breda
7. Contact Gaeloideachas, NCCA and/or Nicola with L1 & L2 concerns - Parents

### **WELCOME OF NEW PARENTS**

Julie sincerely welcomed all new parents to the Cumann and thanked them for their support.

### **CLOSE**

In closing, Julie thanked the team and especially the school staff for all their hard work. The date for the next meeting was agreed upon. It will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 8.30pm through Microsoft Teams.

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 8.30pm**