# **Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents Association**

# **Coláiste an Phiarsaigh**

**Miontuairisc: 14th Nov 2017**

**Lucht Freastail: Helen Mannion Michelle Lane Carmel Ní Bhrudair**

**Mary Mc Carthy Sara Murphy Colette Ní Fhionnagáin**

**Heidi Robertson Mark Chu Seamus Ó Cathán**

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**Leithscéalta: Kieran Hill Rebecca Kelly Teresa Hassett**

**Majella Finnegan Suzanne Moloney**

**Minutes Issued by: Helen Mannion**

**AGENDA: Apologies**

**Adoption of Minutes from 9th May 2017**

**Fograí Scoile: (Mícheál Ó Tuama)**

**AOB**

**Fograí Scoile:**

1. Teachers returned to School on **28th Aug** for a “Croke Park” day,
2. **31/08/17:** All students back on site. Official school day is 8:50 – 3:30.
3. Bl 4 had their induction on **31st Aug** and trip to Cois Coinne was **Fri 1st Sept**.
4. **31/09/17:** Viewing of Scripts. Leaving Certs students are encouraged to do this. 5 Leaving Cert students were awarded scholarships to UCC. Mícheál Ó Tuama (MOT) acknowledged the excellent results this year especially the few students who achieved 200-295 as a tremendous amount of work was done by these pupils and the school.
5. **7/9/17:** IT Company “Wriggle” on site to progress IT use in school. 8 teachers currently using MS Surface Pro Computers. It’s hoped to increase this by 8 again next year and so on until all teachers are using them, as they are found to be very effective.
6. **11/9/17:**  Meeting held with Cork County Council regarding “access to the school”.
7. **12/9/17:** Meeting held with Bl. 6 parents regarding 3rd Level Options.
8. **13/9/17:** Junior Cert Results. MOT working on “official Cert” for English as part of the New Junior Cycle. Bl. 1 to Cois Coinne.
9. **18/9/17:** Bl. 4went to Germany on their overseas trip.
10. **21/9/17:** MOT visited the feeder schools in the area. 160 completed applications were received, 78/90 were appointed to siblings, past pupil’s children etc.
11. **25/9/17:** For-Óige were on site.
12. **26/9/17:** Cork Simon on site as guest speaker to Bl.3 for OSSP Project.
13. **27/9/17:** Bl. 1 PT Mtg.
14. **28/9/17:** Bl. 4 collected in town for Cancer. “Wriggle” workshop held.
15. **29/9/17:** Golf Classic was held. A major success.
16. **5/10/17:** A very successful Oíche Oscailte was held with large numbers attending.
17. **6/10/17:** HSE were on site with vaccines for 1st years. 6th Year Reports sent.
18. **8/10/17:** A French Language assistant will be on site for academic year 17/18.
19. **10/10/17:** Staff Meeting. In-service days will be held periodically in 17/18.
20. **13/10/17:** Update on the New Junior Cycle.
21. **18/10/17:** A Coiste was set up for Self-Assessment for the standard of Irish among all staff.
22. **19/10/17:** McAfee were in with Bl.1.
23. **25/10/17:** Assembly was held regarding full school uniform and the changes to appointing Ceannaire Ranga.
24. **26/10/17:** Bl.5 went to Fota for an Ecology Day. Bl. 4 Ceilí.
25. **27/10/17:** Jersey Day. Also 1st Year parents met with MOT & teachers for a Coffee morning, 25-30 parents attended.
26. **8/11/17:** Bl.6 PT Mtg.
27. **13/11/17:** Pre Pre Exams for Bl.3.
28. **14/11/17:** Bl.6 went to Production of King Lear.
29. **20/11/17:** Science week.(deferred from w/c 13/11/17)
30. **23/11/17:** Bl.5 PT Mtg.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT**

In June 2017 the school received a visit from the Dept. of Education Inspectors regarding the school’s request for funding for a new school. They expressed 3 areas of concern before they could consider the school’s request.

1. Pedestrian Access.
2. Girls Dorms in Gaelachas Teoranta.
3. Access for cars.
4. MOT liaised with Eir regarding their generators/exchange etc beside the school and they agreed that they could be moved to accommodate the pedestrian access.
5. Gaelachas Teo. agreed that the current girls’ dormitories could become available to Coláiste if the area was required to extend/renovate the school.
6. When approached, Cork County Council informed MOT that they had plans to widen the road outside the school to accommodate a 3rd lane. This is to allow a right turn lane towards the bridge. A CPO could have been necessary but MOT is cooperating with them to ensure it can be mutually beneficial.

“Aecom” have been appointed to represent Coláiste an Phiarsaigh regarding proposing plans to ensure there will be sufficient access for Pedestrian and Vehicular access to the school.

After completing the above MOT wrote to the Dept. of Education in October but has yet to receive a reply. Bill Kelleher is to meet with MOT w/c 20th Nov, with a view to securing a meeting with Mícheál Martin.

**NEW JUNIOR CYCLE:**

**Course Objectives:**

Better Learners Link with primary & secondary school

Study Skills Progression in 1st Year

Life Skills Leaving Cert Prep

High Standards Continuous Assessment

Certification

1. All classes are to be of 40 mins duration, hence the 8:50am start since Sept. 2017.
2. Wellness to be included in JC Programme.
3. O.S.S.P will no longer be a compulsory subject in Coláiste an Phiarsaigh.
4. Gaeilge, Béarla, Tír Eolas, Mata, Stair, Eolaíocht & 3 choice subjects.
5. New JC programme introduced in English for Bl. 1 started in 2014.
6. Extended to Science & Business Studies for Bl. 1 started in 2016. This will include classroom based assessments for science, classes will be divided into 4 for Science.
7. Extended to Gaeilge, Mod Lang, Art, Craft & Design for Bl.1 started in 2017.
8. Extended to Mata, Music, Home Ec., History and Geography in Sept 2018.
9. Grading will also change, see table below:

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| **New Junior Cycle Equivalents** | |
| A  B  C  D  E  F  NG | Distinction  Higher Merit  Merit  Achieved  Partial Achieved  Not Applicable  Not Graded |

**AOB**

**Gaisce**

No teacher yet appointed to take this role for 17/18, therefore no update for 16/17 Gaisce overnight trip.

**Fundraiser**

Any ideas for fundraising before Christmas to be forwarded to Heidi.

**Meitheal**

Meitheal are looking for funding from the Cumann for hoodies etc.

**Funds**

Currently there are funds in the account and Michelle asked for suggestions on what these funds could be used for.

It was suggested that lockers be purchased but MOT expressed concern about the physical space to accommodate them. This will be reviewed by MOT and by the Cumann on the School walk-around at the next meeting.

Another suggestion was an Astro turf in the pitch by Scoil na nÓg. MOT stated that while it would be a wonderful resource, now is not the time as we may need this area when our new school is being built. However in the long term it would be invaluable to the school and indeed could also possibly be a source of income for the school.

**Guest Speaker**

Michelle asked for anyone with ideas for a Guest speaker for the school in Feb/Mar/Apr to revert to her.

**School Tracksuit**

MOT stated that the school is currently reviewing the new school tracksuit, especially with regard to the “Tracksuit Ends”.

**School Matches**

A request was made to put times, dates and locations of school matches up on the school website or Twitter. MOT to review.

**Rowing Regatta**

MOT to make an announcement to the school to see if there is any interest among students to participate in a rowing regatta.

**Next Meeting Date: 12th December at 8.30pm**