

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association
Coláiste an Phiarsaigh
AGM 13th Nov 2024

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Lucht Freastail:	Micheál Ó Tuama Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin Jerry Reen Collette Ní Fhinnágain	Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan Des Connolly Mary Haslam	
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Leithscéalta	Shelagh McCarthy Fiona McCormack	Tricia Ryan	

CLÁR

- 1. Welcome**
 - 2. Apologies**
 - 3. Minutes of AGM 26th Jan 2021 (Nicola Malone)**
 - 4. Imeachtaí Choláiste an Phiarsaigh (Micheál Ó Tuama)**
 - 5. Action List (Nicola Malone)**
 - 6. Roll Call (Nicola Malone)**
 - 7. Tuairisc an Chathaoirligh (Julie Dennehy O'Callaghan)**
 - 8. Election of Officers**
 - 9. AOB**
 - 10. Date of next meeting**
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nicola Malone circulated the Minutes of the AGM from 26th Jan 2021 as well as those from the previous month's meeting, 15th October 2024. These were proposed by Des Connolly and seconded by Jerry Reen.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The principal's report was presented to the group:

- 16/Oct/2024: Career options Cork for B15 & B16 took place in Rochestown Park Hotel
- 18/Oct/2024: Biodiversity workshop for TY. We have a very active Biodiversity Coiste
- 22/Oct/2024: Application forms for 2025 finalised. First round offers were made prior to mid-term. Cut off for acceptance of places was 11/Nov/2024. In the process going through these now. Department rules are strictly followed.
- 24/Oct/2024: B16 parent teacher meetings. Changed the process this time around and offered the choice that students may also attend. Not all teachers participated. Surveyed parents afterwards and it will be implemented for 6th years from next year. Julie experienced it and found it very positive. Jerry said you can hear other students getting feedback in the room which wasn't ideal. Mícheál said teachers were aware of this too and found it intimidating. They are looking at an option for ambient noise as possible solution
- 25/Oct/2024: TY visited a beach in Youghal, picked up rubbish, brought it back to the school and remoulded collected plastic into jewellery
- 04/Nov/2024: Assembly with Liam for all classes. Phoneaway boxes are now in operation. Calmness around school, less distraction and irritability, less visits to bathrooms. Students are avoiding using the phones as they know if they are found with them they will be staying back for 3hrs on Fridays. Few teething problems with boxes but these have been repaired
- 04/Nov/2024: Pride week – lots of activities for the week
- 05/Nov/2024: Shylock's Revenge drama group for B12
- 08/Nov/2024: YSI (Young Social Innovators) spent time with B11 organising icebreakers, building friendships etc
- 08/Nov/2024: Day of colour to support Pride week
- 11/Nov/2024: This week is Science Week with lots of activities organised
- 11/Nov/2024: Woolly Crafts B12 craftwork for them for their CBA's (MRB)
- 11/Nov/2024: Cat4 work with 1st years
- 11/Nov/2023: 3rd year parent teacher meetings
- 11/Nov/2024: TY on social work this week

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- School Swimming team had great success at the Munster Senior Schools Swimming Championship on 12th Nov. The Senior Female Relay Team won gold – Freestyle and 50m Medley. They go forward for Nationals next
We have lots of other talented students in the school.
- Camogie final has been reached
- We now have a Showjumping Team
- We have a Heptathlon athlete. One of our students did well in the Munster Athletics and is now going forward to the All Ireland
- We have a Captain of the Irish under 21 Open Fishing Team
- We have an Irish international Roller Hockey player - Róisín Connolly
- Stryker have been providing 3D printers for TY as well as 3D printing module course

Collette commended the teaching staff on working around these sporting activities and achievements

ACTION LIST UPDATE

Mícheál gave us an overview of the Leaving Certificate results. The Junior Cycle results are not available yet as some are currently being rechecked. This may be added to the Action List Items and will be addressed when information is available

E-cigarette learning module link was sent to Cumann. Nicola circulated this to the Cumann WhatsApp Group

Options for alternative suppliers of the school uniform – Mícheál spoke to McCarthy Sports. Rory McCarthy is looking at the options and it is a work in progress

Source the copy of 2023's TY musical – Mícheál & Julie. This too is a work in progress. The file is on a USB stick. Jerry suggested WeTransfer to share this with students. Julie, Jerry & Mícheál are to create a plan of action

Check with Ronan in The Castle in relation to available dates for a Table Quiz night (30th Jan 2025 or 13th Feb 2025 as possibilities) – Mícheál. Mícheál spoke with Ava in The Castle and she suggested 20th March 2024. Following lengthy discussions, it was decided to look at alternative venues. Sars has been used before by other schools and it was agreed this would work well. Mícheál will check with Sars regarding the original dates for the Table Quiz

Draft message to be sent to Mícheál in relation to AGM – Nicola. Completed

Message to be sent to parents re: AGM – Mícheál. Completed

FUNDRAISING

Table Quiz

Potential for Table Quiz in Sars. Mícheál will check re dates 30th Jan 2025 or 13th Feb 2025. Cliona will do picture questions, excel sheet, biros, answer sheets and is happy to help. Leila agreed before the summer to do the artwork once the dates have been finalised

CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

Julie warmly welcomed everyone to the AGM for 2024.

Míle buíochas to be Chair of a wonderful Cumann and community. Mícheál is the connection for this – thank you. The Cumann is all for the betterment of our children. Coláiste is a magical happy place, including some ups and downs. It has been Julie's pleasure to be involved in this capacity.

Julie thanked Nicola for her trojan work. She went on to commend Des for looking after the money so well. He has done a great job from different parts of the country as well as parts of the world. It has been a pleasure to work with both Nicola and Des – thank you.

To the wider Cumann community, it has been a pleasure both in person and online. We couldn't have the strength we have in the Cumann without our wonderful attendees. It will grow from strength to strength. Helpers, like Jerry and Collette at the Open Night, are amazing. The social night is important to build our community further.

In relation to the Election of officers, Nicola would like to stand down, which we respect. Míle buíochas duit Nicola for your detailed minutes. Des will also step down. We really appreciate you taking care of the finances and keeping everything up to date. Thank you to Micheál also for all his support.

The officers now need to vacate, and Jerry will step in to manage the election of officers.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

- Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan was proposed as Chairperson by Domini Codd, seconded by Cliona Fergy and accepted by Julie.
- Mary Haslam was proposed as Rúnaí by Colette Ní Fhinnágain, seconded by Cliona Fergy and accepted by Mary.
- Cliona Fergy was nominated as Treasurer by Nicola Malone, seconded by Mary Haslam and accepted by Cliona.

COMMITTEE FOR 2024/2025

- Chairperson : Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan
- Secretary : Mary Haslam
- Treasurer : Cliona Fergy

Mícheál wanted to personally thank Nicola & Des for their professionalism and loyalty. Thanks to Nicola for her perfectionism, minutes, communication and preparations over the years. Mícheál also wanted to say he appreciated Des' work over the past few years and for signing the cheques!

Julie assured the group that even though the two officers are moving on, they will be available to assist the incoming officers.

ACTION LIST

Junior Certificate results to be discussed when available – Mícheál

Plan of action to be created to arrange for copies of the 2023 TY's Musical - Julie, Jerry & Mícheál

Check with Sars in relation to available dates for a Table Quiz night (30th Jan 2025 or 13th Feb 2025 as possibilities) – Mícheál

Set the dates for Cumann meetings for Jan-May 2025 - All

AOB

Jerry commended the school on the vision and drive that is in place is remarkable for the new school. It will be like a state-of-the-art campus. Coláiste getting better by the day.

Domini, speaking as a parent of a child who was boarding, wished to thank Mícheál for sourcing somewhere for our children to live. For the care you've taken over the years and continue to take, she would like to offer her gratitude to Mícheál personally. Julie also said it shows the dedication Mícheál takes when looking after the students.

Next Cumann na dTuismitheoirí Meeting Date:

Tues 10th Dec 2024 at 8.30pm.