

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 13^h December 2022 8.30pm

Lucht Freastail:	Micheál Ó Tuama Diarmuid Ó Rinn Helen Mannion	Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin Collette Ní Fhinnagáin	
Lucht ar Líne	Josephine Sugrue Winnie Lynch	Paula Roche Shelagh McCarthy	Fiona McCormack Des Connolly
Leithscéalta	Tricia Ryan Clíona Fergy	Catriona Hogan Twomey	

Minutes Issued by: Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin

AGENDA:

- Fáilte (Julie)**
- Apologies (Julie)**
- Minutes from previous meeting (Nicola)**
- Imeachtaí Scoile ón Príomhoide (Micheál)**
- Tráth na gCeist**
- Actions' List Update (Nicola)**
- Roll Call (Nicola)**
- AOB**
- Date for next meeting**

Imeachtaí Scoile:

1. 15-11-2022 Home Economics trip B15&6
2. 17-11-2022 Critical Incident Committee Meeting
3. 18-11-2022 Brook Bursary Deadline – Past pupil and owner of The Brook Inn, Gary Ó Murchú, is offering a bursary for the duration of a successful student's third level course. The school is seeking legal advice as there is a significant amount of money involved.
4. 21-11-2022 Week of European Languages at school
5. 22-11-2022 Junior Cycle results
6. 23-11-2022 School Board of Management meeting

7. 24-11-2022 Parent Association's Tráth na gCeist – great occasion, one of the highlights of the year
8. 28-11-2022 LGBTI+ week
9. 29-11-2022 Parent/Teacher meeting B13
10. 30-11-2022 In-service Guidance training – guidance needed for all students not just LC students
11. 02-12-2022 Investigation on the school roof – ceiling tiles issue, ridge tiles moving, problems with moss. A grant has been applied for to resolve these issues
12. 06-12-22 Staff meeting 15:30-17.30
13. 08-12-2022 B14 visit to Panto in Everyman – one of our past pupils is the fairy godmother and a current 3rd year has a leading role
14. 08-12-2022 Visit from Eirn's Own
15. 09-12-2022 Meitheal and B11 Tráth na gCeist
16. 12-12-2022 Art workshop
17. 12-12-2022 Decorating classrooms for Christmas
18. 13-12-2022 Start of 5th Year Christmas exams

Some TY activities which took place included:

Social work, Model UN in UCC, Foreign Language week, online 'Teen Talk' (discussed mental and physical health issues), Junior Cycle results, workshop with Paula Duggan, Airtastic, Glounthaune Christmas market (where some students sold their products), Cinderella in the Everyman followed by lunch in the Marina Market, Italian class went to UCC for Taste of Italian Christmas, Pound (Sports workshop), Maths test (both ordinary and higher levels), Ice Skating at the Alpine Skate Trail in Fota, Irish roadshow workshop, lots of items in the run up to Christmas to create a Christmas spirit including small Christmas market, carol singing and a concert. Pupils are now in the 3rd rotation of getting a flavour for leaving cert subjects, they are working on the career's portal, their digital portfolio, some continuing with work experience and alongside all these TY activities, core and elective subject classes are still ongoing.

WELCOME

Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan welcomed everyone to this, the final meeting of 2022.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Catriona Hogan Twomey, Clíona Fergy and Tricia Ryan.

MINUTES

A summary of the minutes was ready by Nicola. They were then proposed by Mícheál and seconded by Helen.

BUILDING WORKS

Green light has been given for a meeting between the Department of Education representatives JNB, KOBW (engineers), Mícheál, Liam and Department officials to discuss the school hall. KOBW have issued an invitation to Mícheál Martin for the new year. We will not be putting political pressure on at this stage as it may delay things further.

SCHOOL RULES

The Student Council is meeting to discuss potential changes to the School Rules for Clothes and Jewellery to make it more inclusive for all. We are aware of student issues with opposite gender uniforms, bathrooms, changing areas to name but a few. It will be a consultative process and the Cumann and teachers will also be involved. Julie acknowledged it is a sensitive area and that all voices need to be heard. Mícheál mentioned that communication and talking about these issues must be the way forward. He has asked that we raise it as an agenda item in the New Year (perhaps February) so as we can get the parents' points of view. Julie asked if it may be a possibility that on tracksuit day the tracksuit is worn for the full day. This will be investigated but may cause hygiene issues.

YOUNG SCIENTIST EXHIBITION

41 projects were submitted to the Young Scientist Exhibition 2023 and 17 were successful. It will be taking place on 11th, 12th, and 13th January 2023. It will involve 2 overnight stays. All 1st years will go up to see the exhibition on Thursday 12th January 2023. The costs include EUR1600 for the hotel, EUR600 for the train, Food approx. EUR500 and travel between the hotel and exhibition approx. EUR200 totalling EUR2900. Some sponsorship has already been received by school sponsors of approximately EUR2000. It was agreed the shortfall would be covered by the Cumann.

Jerry wanted to commend the school on such an achievement of so many successful entries.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

EUR1000 – Fota deposit returned

EUR461.25 to pay for last year's raffle tickets

EUR538 & EUR430 received from Tráth na gCeist

Current balance is EUR3365.41.

There are still some monies owed to Clíona from the quiz night.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

The Senior Ladies Camogie Team have made it to the Munster Senior Camogie Final which will take place after Christmas.

There has also been lots of activity in Football, orienteering as well as 15 students who will be attending the upcoming Munster swimming gala in Limerick.

TRÁTH NA GCEIST

The table quiz in The Castle on the 24th November was a huge success. Julie said it was a great night out and great way to raise money. Thanks to all – the Quiz master, Jerry (booked again for next year!), the team working behind the scenes who were fantastic (Nicola, Clíona, Des & Josephine), questions from Des, the graphic design by Leila and the generosity of The Castle on the night. Clíona who organised the most of it did a tremendous job.

Jerry had two items he wanted to raise. Firstly, the preparation that went into it by Clíona, Des and Nicola (and others) was great. Secondly, the decision making on the night by Julie, Nicola & Clíona allowed it to all run smoothly. Josephine and Clíona worked really well together on the night.

Julie agreed and said it was teamwork, the school and the school community that all added to the feelgood factor.

Mícheál said it was one of the best occasions he was ever at organised by a Cumann and that it really was a great event – he is hugely grateful to the Cumann and all the people involved. It was great to see some past pupils there too.

We will take the learnings from the night and build on it for next year.

The school linked in with the quiz and held one with the 1st and 5th years on the same day which was great fun.

ACTION LIST UPDATE

All action items were related to the Tráth na gCeist and were all closed out.

AOB

Tracksuit leggings

Julie had a sample of the proposed new leggings for girls. They are made by O'Neill's, they have a great range of sizes on offer and are true to size. Students may still opt for the traditional tracksuit end should they wish. Mícheál will follow up in relation to pricing and crest options.

Christmas Raffle

Nicola mentioned there were hampers left over from the Quiz night and if they were going to be used for a Christmas Raffle. It was decided to hold off on holding a raffle until either Easter or St. Patrick's Day.

Asbestos

Paula asked if, when they were investigating the roof, was there any evidence of Asbestos in the building. Mícheál explained there was an asbestos survey carried out previously and there was some found in the basement and in the school hall which were successfully removed. The entire heating and boiler system was replaced during the summer and any traces were removed and disposed of then too.

Christmas

Josephine wanted to say there were some large delays during the recent parent/teacher meeting for B13. This was mostly evident with class teachers or teachers who had a higher number of students/subjects. She was wondering if there may be a possibility of improving this going forward. Mícheál will speak with Liam who coordinates these meetings to see if there are other possibilities such as relooking at the booking system and scheduling specific times. Julie offered the Cumann could discuss and offer suggestions. Collette suggested

maybe just the booking system for those teachers who would have more meetings (again, class teachers, teachers with higher students per subject etc).

ACTIONS

1. Mícheál to contact Keen House re pricing and crest for leggings
2. Mícheál to discuss the parent/teacher setup with Liam

CLOSE

In closing, Julie said it was her absolute pleasure to be Chair this year and to work with Nicola, Des, Jerry and all the others. She wished everyone a fabulous, wonderful and blessed Christmas and is looking forward to the New Year. She wished to convey our thanks to Mícheál, Liam and all the staff. Well-deserved treats have been organised for the staff for this Friday, 16th December 2022, which will be paid for by The Cumann. The next meeting will take place (both in person and online via Teams) on 17th Jan 2023 at 8.30pm.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 8.30pm