# **Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents Association**

# **Coláiste an Phiarsaigh**

**Miontuairisc: 16th Jan 2018**

**Lucht Freastail: Helen Mannion Michelle Lane Lisa Cronin**

 **Mary Mc Carthy Lisa McCarthy Pamela Dennehy**

**Rebecca Kelly Mary McCarthy Majella Finnegan**

 **Micheál Ó Tuama Heidi Robertson**

**Síle Ní Dhuinneacha-Uí Cheallacháin**

**Leithscéalta: Kieran Hill Teresa Hassett Sara Treacy Mark Chu Gillian Grimes Colette Ní Fhionnagáin**

**Minutes Issued by: Helen Mannion**

**AGENDA: Apologies**

 **Adoption of Minutes from 12th Dec 2017**

 **Fograí Scoile: (Mícheál Ó Tuama)**

 **AOB**

**Fograí Scoile:**

1. **13/12/17** **Bl. 3** PT Mtg. A book swop was organised by **Bl. 4** for **Bl. 1.**
2. **14/12/17** **Bl. 4** Computer Science information talk from UCC.
3. **15/12/17** Movie day for **Bl. 2**.
4. **18/12/17** Meitheal organised a movie showing for **Bl. 1**.
5. **19/12/17** A Tráth na gCeist (Table Quiz) was held among **Bl. 1.**
6. **20/12/17** All classes sang Christmas songs for the rest of the school.
7. **21/12/17** **Bl. 4** had a Movie showing.

**Bl. 5** went to town for the “Big Wheel”, hot choc etc. School sent photos to

all parents of their son/daughter. Unfortunately the

meeting was told not all photos came out so MOT will look into this.

**Bl. 1** received a gift from their Meitheal Rep which was very well received.

1. **22/12/17** Saoire na Nollag.
2. **08/01/18** **Bl. 4** school reports are open for teachers to input results.
3. **09/01/18** Staff meeting 3.30-5.30
4. **10&11/01** Droichead Training was held for the 2 staff members who will work with

 newly qualified Teachers when they join the Coláiste teaching staff.

1. **12/01/18** Supervised study on Friday evenings to commence. 4-7pm.
2. **25/01/18** Bl. 4 to participate in I Wish in the City Hall. This event is to promote the

opportunities for females in ICT and STEN sectors.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT**

MÓT told the meeting that the Dept. of Ed. is to formally issue a letter but he was told verbally that based on the demographics of the area there will be no extra class granted to Coláiste. While this not good news, it is important that we as a school still strive to achieve the new school building to accommodate the current numbers. Still no reply from Billy Kelleher.

The Cumann agreed that we as a concerned group of parents should draft a letter to be sent by registered post to a number of people including the local politicians. It was also suggested that maybe an audit of the current learning/teaching conditions in the school be carried out.

The meeting was asked to revert with suggestions to be included in the letter. e.g. Health & Safety and any audit reports.

**This letter is to be drafted at the next Cumann meeting on Tuesday 20th February so full participation would be greatly appreciated.**

**GOLF CLASSIC**

Michelle looked into dates for the Golf Classic in Cork Golf Club for 2018 and unfortunately the Fridays we were interested in already have bookings. We can’t use Castlemartyr Resort as they canonly accommodate 22 teams which isn’t enough. However it was decided that we stick with Cork Golf Club as they were excellent to work with last year as a fundraising venue and has great “pulling power”.

Michelle will revert to them and try to book Thursday 13th Sept 2018 and book Friday 13th Sept for 2019.

**PRE EXAMS FOR JUNIOR & LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENTS**

LC exams will run for 10 days while the JC Pre exams will run for 11 days.

An External Examiner will hold the Oral exams to ensure all students experience a total Dry run in preparation for the actual exams.

**DEFIBRILLATORS**

An external company examined and serviced the Defibrillator on site. The school also purchased an external defibrillator and it will be housed outside An Halla. Currently 18 staff members are trained on use of defibrillators. In addition 2 staff are going to the Irish Heart foundation for training and will train any other staff members on their return.

Majella will look further into a portable defibrillator and revert to the meeting.

**LOCKERS**

Two companies are currently quoting for 30 large Lockers which will be used for one class of Bl. 3. These lockers should accommodate 1) Coat, 2) Gearbag, 3) Books and 4) Hurley & Helmet. The school/Cumann will purchase these and it is hoped they will be installed over Mid-term. These are to be trialled and if approved, it is then anticipated that lockers for two/three more classes will be purchased and in place by Sept 2018.

**SCHOOL TRACKSUIT**

MÓT will talk to staff and Comhairle na Mac Léinn with regard to finalising new “Tracksuit End” and school shorts.

**SPEAKERS**

Michelle asked the meeting if they had any suggestions regarding a speaker for the school. David Coleman was suggested and then people suggested that maybe he or somebody else could help the students with Exam Anxiety.

MÓT told the meeting that a Private Counselling & Psychotherapy practice in Blarney called “Resilient Minds” spoke to some of the students last year and it was thought they were very good. MÓT to liaise with Iníon Breathnach regarding this and will revert to the Cumann. The Cumann expressed an interest in paying for this event.

**AOB**

* Locks to be fixed in Girls Toilets.
* MÓT to look into purchasing additional Microwaves for all students to use not just Bl. 5 & Bl. 6.
* The Cumann want to ask SuperValu for an available date in October 2018 for bagpacking as a fundraiser. MÓT to forward letterhead to Helen.

**Next Meeting Date: 20th February 2018 at 8.30pm**