

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 21st February 2023 8.30pm

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

Minutes Issued by: Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin

AGENDA:

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

Imeachtaí Scoile:

1. 19-01-2023 B11 Parent/Teacher meeting
2. 23-01-2023 Mock Orals began
3. 27-01-2023 TY Mini Company Cake Sale
4. 30-01-2023 Pre exams for B13 and B16 including those with additional needs in a separate centre
5. 30-01-2023 Work experience for B14
6. 09-02-2023 Cross Country Championship where 5 students qualified for the Munster championship. This will take place this weekend in Dungarvan

7. 09-02-2023 Junior Soccer Team consisting of students from 1st and 2nd year will have their inaugural match soon. This will be the first time in the history of the school that a soccer team will represent the school. The team is hoping the Cumann will sponsor some jerseys which will be bought locally in McCarthy's Sports. Everyone agreed to this. It was agreed it should say Cumann na dTuismitheoirí on the jersey but shouldn't be too obvious
8. 10-02-2023 B15 Celebration for midterm
9. 20-02-2023 Student Council meeting
10. 20-02-2023 B16 had an R&R Day in The Castle where there was music, teas/coffees and scones. The school wanted to show its appreciation for their exemplary behaviour during the mock exams

Mícheál wanted to add a few items in relation to upcoming events.

This Friday Greg Ó Murchú from The Brook Inn will be onsite presenting a bursary to Chloe Alavoine (LC2022). Chloe is studying Social Health Care in MTU. This bursary will help cover education costs.

There is also an upcoming Board of Management meeting as well as TY heading to Kilfinane shortly for a couple of nights.

WELCOME

Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Elaine Hill, Clíona Fergy, Paula Roche, Des Connolly and Shelagh McCarthy.

MINUTES

The link minutes were sent to the Cumann Group for review yesterday by Nicola. They were then proposed by Mícheál and seconded by Jerry.

BUILDING WORKS

Mícheál would like to set aside a large part of the Cumann meeting in April to go through the proposed plans, 3D models, drawings etc of the new building to get input from the Parents' Association. Nicola suggested we perhaps host a coffee night to coincide with this. Mícheál agreed and suggested we have some cakes too.

Work is almost complete at the entrance which makes it easier for cars to come in and out as well as being safer for students.

ACTION LIST UPDATE

Pedestrian Crossing on Church Hill - Mícheál will be meeting with Pádraig O'Sullivan this Friday and will discuss the possibility of a Pedestrian Crossing on Church Hill. He has also

raised the issue with Cllr Gillian Ní Mathúna. He spoke with an engineer working in the area who explained they would need to put in a footpath. All options will be explored.

Reducing queues at Parent/Teacher meetings - Liam and Mícheál discussed various options ahead of B11 Parent/Teacher meeting to reduce wait times. Giving out maps ahead of time wasn't realistic as it is not known which exact teachers will be present until closer to the actual date. They settled on changing the layout and seating inside as well as having 2 guides inside and outside assisting and directing parents. Helen mentioned having the teachers' names on the wall behind them is very helpful.

AOB

Lighting near Scoil na nÓg

Josephine mentioned the lighting on the hill up towards Scoil na nÓg is particularly bad at the moment. Mícheál will look into this. Catriona has already mentioned it to Muireann (Principal of Scoil na nÓg) who has said it to the caretaker.

Balance

Nicola asked if Balance were no longer catering food in the school. Mícheál explained that as 5th and 6th years usually leave during lunchtime to get food at the garage across the way or the coffee hut nearby and Transition Years are now often not onsite some days/weeks, the main target audience for Balance are 1st – 3rd years. There was very low take up for the service, so it was decided to take a break. The Student Council are currently looking at different menu options.

Junior Cycle T1 Papers

Helen asked if there were two papers in the new Irish T1 exam (similar to the Irish T2 in English schools – Higher and Lower levels). Mícheál confirmed there are. Most parents were unaware of this. Questions were asked about the proposed changes for LC Irish paper – no decision as of yet. Points were also raised about English and Irish Paper 1s at the end of 5th year from next year on – again, no decision as of yet from the Department.

ACTIONS

1. Set time aside for Building Works overview and discussion in the Cumann meeting in April as well as a coffee evening – Cumann
2. Discuss pedestrian crossing options with Pádraig O'Sullivan - Mícheál
3. Lighting issue on the road between the Bialinn and Scoil na nÓg – Mícheál

CLOSE

In closing, Julie thanked everyone for attending and for their participation. The next meeting which will take place (both in person and online via Teams) on 14th March 2023 at 8.30pm.

The meeting date for April was also agreed upon as this will be the night for the presentation of the proposed new building – everyone is welcome to join on the night. It will also be online but the experience will be more beneficial in person.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 8.30pm