

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association

Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 25^h October 2022 8.30pm

Lucht Freastail:

**Micheál Ó Tuama
Diarmuid Ó Rinn
Helen Mannion**

**Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan
Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin
Josephine Sugrue**

Lucht ar Líne

**Elaine Hill
Winnie Lynch
Barry Murphy**

**Fiona McCormack
Paula Roche
Des Connolly**

**Clíona Fergy
Colette Finnegan**

Leithscéalta

**Catriona Hogan Twomey
Caroline Uí Mhurchú**

**Suzanne Moloney
Mark Chu**

Tricia Ní Riain

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. 15-09-2022 Critical Incident Team monthly meeting where they discuss scenarios of potential Critical Incidents
2. 19-08-2022 Primary School visits – 10 primary schools in total were visited where brochures, letters and rulers were given to the students.
3. 21-09-2022 Transition Year Trip abroad. Trip to Barcelona was a huge success this year. Saw all the sights, trip to Nou Camp etc. It was a big responsibility for the 8 teachers who accompanied the students, including Cian Ó Coigligh and Seán Ó Cólmán who were the lead teachers. Micheál offered his sincere thanks to them and all the teachers. Students had a wonderful time and made some great memories. Julie said, on behalf of the parents, they are very grateful for the foreign trip. Helen agreed. Des also wanted to say from a

parent's point of view it was a very positive experience for his child in terms of social, education and camaraderie development. This trip should be a template for all future trips. Julie commented on how well the students were all looked after and how they looked after each other. They had a ball. Helen also mentioned how the teachers were the disciplinarians but also balanced that with fun.

4. 22-09-2022 Staff meeting 15.30 – 17.30
5. 27-09-2022 School Board of Management meeting
6. 28-09-2022 School Open Night. Different approach this year – two presentations in the Halla, both of which were full. Great atmosphere, Ceol Drama, live music, dances, and various sports were all on display. There was a meeting in advance to prepare but also a follow up feedback meeting to discuss any items that could be improved upon. Julie was delighted the Cumann were included in the night and the interaction with potential incoming families was continuous.
7. 04-10-2022 Staff Planning Day
8. 05-10-2022 Talk with 6th Year Parents re preparation for CAO, calendar of events etc.
9. 06-10-2022 Information night for 1st Year parents. Cian Ó Coigligh is the year head. He, along with the class teachers participated in the night. Cian will be the year head for this group of students until 6th Year.
10. 07-10-2022 Meeting with KOBW. Lots of work has been ongoing behind the scenes. Surveys were taken over the Summer. There were 5 design options presented to the subcommittee. Following feedback, this was whittled down to 4 options. They then spoke to staff, students, subcommittee, and the Board. Parents will be consulted soon. Cumann na dTuismitheoirí will also be asked for feedback. Sports Hall is still a concern. Department says to apply for planning, and we will build it at a later date. School is saying no. Stage 1 is the discussion phase. Prior to this KOBW are saying there should be a meeting with Margaret Brennan (Dept Architect) and discuss the need for a hall. The Joint Managerial Board (JMB) have a department that deals with Capital projects (similar to the ETB). Once building commences, Invoices will be sent to KOBW who will forward these to JMB who will then pay for the work carried out. KOBW and JMB will all need to talk to the department about the hall. The school is not part of this conversation.
11. 10-10-2022 Self development course for TY students.
12. 11-10-2022 CAT4 Exams for B11
13. 13-10-2022 B16 trip to Ballyhass
14. 17-10-2022 B1 3 & B1 5 Art Trip

15. 17-10-2022 PPAD-E Exam for B11 – checks for literacy and writing abilities and implement interventions if required.
16. 18-10-2022 Staff meeting
17. 18-10-2022 Careers Guidance Exhibition for B16
18. 21-10-2022 Closing date of applications for incoming 1st Years. 149 applications for 120 places. 78 of these places have already been allocated to siblings, children of staff etc. There was a huge campaign in the run up to this (tour of local schools, articles in the local papers etc).
19. 24-10-2022 Visit by the City Mayor Deirdre Forde. Deirdre gave a great speech and was inspirational to increase female participation in politics. There was music, poetry, and speeches from the group of 1st and 4th years.

WELCOME

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Catriona Hogan Twomey, Suzanne Moloney, Mark Chu, Caroline Murphy and Tricia Ryan.

MINUTES

The link to the minutes from 13th September 2022 was sent to the Cumann WhatsApp group for approval prior to the meeting.

They were proposed by Paula Roche and seconded by Mícheál Ó Tuama.

FIANCIAL UPDATE

The balance in October 2022 was EUR1858.66. An outstanding cheque to cover the cost of the raffle tickets was written for EUR461.25.

Des received the cheque for EUR1000 from Suzanne and lodged it to the Cumann bank account.

The current balance as of 12th Oct 2022 is EUR2397.41.

FUNDRAISING

As bag packing is no longer an option in SuperValu other fundraising options were discussed. Perhaps a Table Quiz? Clóna mentioned she was involved in running them in Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil. It’s always a great social event. Maybe we should look at The Castle or Sars as a venue. It’s an easy one as you don’t need big prizes, Clóna knows a guy who organises the quiz through his laptop. We can also sell raffle tickets on the night. Clóna will get in touch with her contact in The Castle to see if there are any dates available.

It was suggested that there would be a quiz run in school around the same time so as students can participate too and win some prizes.

Des said one of the mess halls in Collins' Barrack's could be made available if we don't succeed in finding a venue.

Barry Murphy mentioned the possibility of Know Your Sport. People pay EUR10 or so, make 15 predictions of upcoming sporting events and then it runs for the year. Jerry explained it takes a little effort at the start to input the data into an Excel spreadsheet but then it takes care of itself. It's a good way to fundraise as you receive all the money upfront and you only need to have one big prize such as an iPad (perhaps sponsored) and a couple of vouchers/bottles of wine.

TRANSITION YEAR

Mícheál went through the TY Activities as per a request from the previous meeting. Outside of Academic subject rotations you have a choice of one of the following units:

Before Christmas:

Art
Gardening
Green environment
Scientific Experiments/Investigations
Applied Maths
Athletics

After Christmas:

Art
Gardening
Green Environment
Scientific Experiments/Investigations
Tech Graphics

Available to all students:

- Musical, Back to the 80's, which will be showcased in the Firkin Crane Centre in April 2023.
- LIFT (Leading Ireland's Future Together) - wellbeing program for positive leadership in the community).
- Career Guidance
- Bystander – a course adopted from UCC about choices made in situations

The following options last for the full year:

- Future Leaders (GAA)
- Chinese
- Young Social Innovator (YSI)
- Entrepreneurialism
- School Newsletter & Cultural Activities

The query was raised if options were distributed while some students were at GAA matches and few options remained for those students upon their return. Mícheál didn't believe this was the case but will follow up.

ACTION LIST UPDATE

1. Messages are now being sent to parents from the school in both English and Irish.
2. Mícheál gave details of all the sample of TY programs for 2022/2023
3. Cheque for deposit from Fota was given to Des by Suzanne and was lodged
4. Re: missing reflective strip on new school coat – this was the case for Adult Small coats. Parents were not made aware there was a reflective strip option available – this should have been the case.
5. SuperValu no longer offer bag packing but would allow us to set up in the lobby with a table and collection box if we would like.
6. There will be a buy back/upgrade option from Wriggle over the course of the 6 years.

AOB

Josephine raised the point that sometimes when students are at matches they are marked absent from class. Mícheál said there have been discussions whereby the teachers, who leave with the students, input the names of those who will be missing so as they are not seen as absent when the roll is called. Everyone needs to be onboard. Sometimes there are sync issues between the app and the rollcall.

Julie asked if there was a response from Keen house in relation to a legging option for girls with the school crest. Mícheál will check.

ACTIONS

1. Follow up re: distribution of TY options while some students were absent - Mícheál
2. Check to see if there is a leggings option available for the tracksuit for girls through Keen House - Mícheál.
3. Contact The Castle to see if there are any dates available for a Quiz night – Clíona.

CLOSE

In closing, Julie thanked everyone for attending and was grateful to all who attended online. The next meeting will take place (both in person and online via Teams) on 15th Nov 2022 at 8.30pm.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 8.30pm