

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 5th Nov 2019

Lucht Freastail:	Helen Mannion	Michelle Philpott	Micheál Ó Tuama
	Heidi Robertson	Rebecca Kelly	Nicola Ní Mhaoileoin
	Elaine Hill	Suzanne Moloney	Carmel Ní Bhrudair
	Winnie Lynch	Síle Ní Dhuinneacha	Des Connolly
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	Seamus Ó Cathán	Breda Uí Dhuinneacha	

Leithscéalta

Minutes Issued by: Helen Mannion

AGENDA:

- Apologies
- Adoption of Minutes from 8th Oct 2019 (Helen)
- Fograí Scoile: (Micheál Ó Tuama)
- Bag Packing Report (Michelle)
- Snowball Drop (Suzanne)
- Deputies for Officers of the Cumann
- AOB
- Date for next meeting 3rd Dec 2019.

Fograí Scoile:

- 09/10/19 BOM Mtg
- 09/10/19 Mtg with Gael Teo.
- 14/10/19 Colm Manley Ed Psy worked with staff regarding Dyslexia.
- 15/10/19 Bl. 5 went to the Rochestown Park Hotel for a career guidance exhibition.
- 16/10/19 Scala worked with the Comhairle na Mac Léinn (16 students) on Mental Health.
- 17/10/19 Séan Fallon met with the teachers. Síle Ní Shé is the new Anti-bullying rep.
- 17/10/19 Séan Fallon presented to the parents in the Halla.
- 21/10/19 Bl.6 Eac Bhaile class went to Macroom Buffalo Farm.
- 22/10/19 Bl.1 went to a hurling blitz in Tralee.
- 22/10/19 Bl.1.completed CAT4. Those who missed it due to the blitz etc. will be caught up.
- 22/10/19 Art students went to Dungarvan to an Art exhibition
- 23/10/19 Tráth na gCeist was run by Meitheal between Bl. 1 & Bl.5
- 23/10/19 RSA were speaking to Bl. 4.
- 24/10/19 Bl 4 watched a Halloween Movie
- 24/10/19 Places were offered to new students for 2020/2021
 - 450 names were on the mailing list so application forms were sent to them.
 - 200 forms were returned
 - 65 places went to siblings etc. out of a total of 90 places.
 - In 2021/2022 there will be 120 places available.
- 04/11/19 TY rotation ongoing.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

MOT met Micheál Martin in June 2019 and Micheál Martin agreed to try to progress the school development with the Dept. of Education. Currently there are two applications with the Dept. of Ed.

- 1. **Emergency Works Applications** – Replacement of Porta cabins due to some of the existing ones being condemned after the H&S assessment being carried out. Two of the Girls dormitories are currently being used as classrooms.*
- 2. **Summer Works Application** – Boilers, and Bathroom facilities.*

*Micheál Martin did work on this for the school as promised but then the Dept. of Ed. approached MOT and asked that we 'pull back' a bit as they're trying to progress the "full school development". Recently MOT has been told that there is a possible "Technical Visit" due to be made to the school which is being viewed as a very positive sign of movement. **No date as yet.***

SEAN FALLON

Seán Fallon spoke to the parents on 17th Oct re. Anti-bullying. All parents have received a link to a recording of his talk. A roll-out of the policy is being undertaken in school and posters on Anti-bullying are being put up around the school.

Goilliúnach : Distressing
Leanúnach : Continuous
D'aon Ghnó : Intentional

It was felt that the turnout on the night was poor on the night and the following was suggested:

- In future possibly a hard copy notification of any talks may also be sent out to the parents to encourage attendance.
- Tea/coffee on arrival to make it a more sociable evening.
- Importance of attendance at such presentations to be included in 1st year pack going forward.

SPEAKER –TERM 2

Eithne Hunt, State Registered Occupational Therapist will present to the parents in CAP on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 19:00hrs covering adolescent mental health / mindfulness for the students.

UNIQUE SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS - APP

It was previously agreed that the Cumman na d'Tuismitheoirí would fund the initial "Build Fee" of €4,299 to formulate the app. The school is due to pay the Cumann approx. €4,500 in re-registration fees but this will now be kept by CAP and used for the App. 5 Teachers have been appointed to work on getting this app up and running. MOT confirmed that 2 parents/guardians will have access to the app.

SNOWBALL DROP / RUN

Winnie and Suzanne looked into securing a location for this but now we're returning to the original suggestion of using the SNN hill. The new proposed date is the date of the Christmas Holidays Friday 20th December. Once prizes have been agreed Suzanne will get the tickets printed.

BAG PACKING

Michelle thanked all parents and students who volunteered at the Bag Packing in Supervalu. While the supermarket was quieter that particular weekend €1,200 was still raised. It was suggested that next year the parents helping on the day could wear possibly a Coláiste Jersey/Tee-shirt so that we stand out as being part of the bag packing team. It was also agreed that next year when CAP is confirming the student's slot at the bag packing a mobile number from someone on the Cumann will be included should they need to be contacted regarding same.

YOUNG SCIENTIST EXHIBITION

This year the school will have 3 groups representing CAP at the Young Scientist Exhibition in Dublin. MOT informed the meeting that the participating students will travel by Train and spend 2 nights in Dublin at a cost of approx. €1,000. Other 1st year students will attend for one day and travel by bus. It was asked if possibly some TY's could also attend. The Cumann will cover the cost above and were also asked to help fund some sitting/standing desks for one of the projects. If other projects require funding they are also to be supported

DEPUTIES FOR OFFICERS WERE APPOINTED

Vice Chairperson	:	Julie Dennehy
Vice Secretary	:	Nicola Malone
Vice Treasurer	:	Des Connolly

AOB

1. MOT confirmed that alternative accommodation has been secured for the next 5th year trip to the Gaeltacht in May 2020.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 8.30pm