

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents Association

Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 8th Oct 2019

Lucht Freastail:	Helen Mannion	Michelle Philpott	Micheál Ó Tuama
	Heidi Robertson	Rebecca Kelly	Nicola Ní Mhaoileoin
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Minutes Issued by: Helen Mannion

AGENDA:

- Apologies
- Adoption of Minutes from 7th May 2019 (Helen)
- Fograí Scoile: (Micheál Ó Tuama)
- Golf Classic (Suzanne)
- Bag Packing: Volunteers
- Possible Speakers
- 'Helpers' for Officers
- AOB
- Date for next meeting.

Fograí Scoile:

1. 22nd & 23rd/08/19 Croke Park Hours, teachers on site.
2. 26th – 29th/08/19 Staggered Return to school for all pupils.
3. 03/09/19 Bl. 4 went to Cois Choinne.
4. 10/09/19 Bl. 6 parents information evening.
5. 11/09/19 Cigire on site regarding Self-Assessment for the school.
6. 11/09/19 Bl. 1 went to Cuan Oisrí / Oyster haven.
7. 12/09/19 Bl. 1 parents information evening & Cumann na dTuismitheoirí AGM
8. 16-19 /09/19 Bl. 4 went to Barcelona.
9. 17/09/19 MOT visited the local primary feeder schools.
10. 19/09/19 Wriggle carried out IT training to approx. 17 teachers who received new Surface Pro's
11. 23/09/19 Bl. 3 went on an ecology trip to Fota for the day.
12. 24/09/19 Art Students went to the Art Museum in Dublin,
13. 25/09/19 Bl. 4 attended a talk on Cancer Research.
14. 26/09/19 Bl. 4. Collected for "Melanoma Ireland"
15. 26 & 30 /09/19 **National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA)** came to record a few language students for use as guidance for the Classroom-based Assessment for Junior Cycle.
16. 27/09/19 HSE were on site giving the HPV vaccines to both boys and girls.
17. 30/09/19 An Garda Síochána gave a talk to Bl. 4 regarding Safety in advance of the JC results.
18. 01/10/19 Bishop Buckley was on site.
19. 01/10/19 A past pupil was on site to discuss an app that they are looking into developing.

20. **02/10/19** Bl. 6 were on a Geography trip in Inch for the day.
21. **03/10/19** Oíche Oscailte na Scoile was held.
22. **04/10/19** The JC results were issued.

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.

GOLF CLASSIC

Suzanne confirmed that the Coláiste Golf Classic will be held in Fota on Friday May 1st 2020 and has been provisionally booked. There will be no members’ time during the day which will allow additional Tee-off times. The Cumann gave the “go-ahead” for this date and Suzanne will pay the deposit in the coming days/week to secure this booking.

PROPOSED/POSSIBLE SPEAKERS FOR TERM 2

1. Cork Drug Squad
2. Jigsaw
3. YHS – Youth Health Society
4. Foróige
5. Talk on Consent
6. Oisín Mc Conville, Sports and Gambling

UNIQUE SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

MOT informed the meeting that the school has decided to implement a new App for school to streamline all communication and administration systems. There will be an initial “Build Fee” of €4,299 to formulate the app. There will then be an annual Maintenance Fee going forward. It will incorporate VSware, email system, and all other communication tools currently being used by CAP. It can also be used by all teachers from their personal mobile phones and can issue messages directly to parents/guardians should the need arise, (such as delays returning from trips/games etc). The App will be both as Gaelige and as Bearla. It was initially thought that only one Parent/Guardian per student would be able to download the App so MOT will revert to the company to check this as the meeting felt it was important that both Parents/Guardians have full access to this via their own login. (See separate file with proposed benefits of this system).

SCHOOL HOURS

MOT confirmed that the communication regarding the early finish every Friday was issued.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Julie Dennehy has agreed to gather any relevant information pertaining to the above and revert to the Cumann in due course.

SNOWBALL DROP / RUN

A discussion was held on the previous suggestion of a “Snowball Drop/Run”. Suzanne agreed to look into identifying a suitable/safe place to hold this and will also look into printing the tickets for same. Thursday 19th Dec is the proposed date to hold same. Meitheal are to be called upon to co-ordinate the selling of tickets.

BAG PACKING

Bag Packing in Ryan’s Supervalu Glanmire will be held on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th October and parents were asked to volunteer to supervise this. Friday from 4-9pm and Saturday from 10 - 6. MOT will ask 1st & 2nd yr. students to volunteer to do the Bag Packing, (Max 6 pupils at a time).

FREE CLASSES

A question was raised regarding the number of free classes that students are still having. IT Teacher training, student trips and various sporting and extra-curricular activities have been going on which has required teacher presence and this has impacted on classes. Teachers are providing work to be undertaken in their absence.

SCHOOL WASTE/SCOIL GLAS

The majority of pupils are now using reusable water bottles. New bins to segregate rubbish into Recycling and General Waste have been purchased and will be rolled out immediately starting in the 1st year classrooms.

HELPERS FOR OFFICERS

Michelle asked the meeting if people would think about becoming a “helper” for each of the officers for this coming year. Chair/Secretary/Treasurer/PRO and please volunteer at the next meeting. The idea is that the “helper” would learn the ropes for this year and assist when asked/needed and then would be ready to possibly take on the role fully in 2020/21.

AOB

1. A concern regarding the “non-running” of buses when the school finishes early. MOT informed the meeting that the school buses are actually the responsibility of the Bus Eireann and parents need to contact the School Transport Office, Capwell directly on 021 4557137 / 021 4557129 with any queries.
2. It was asked if alternative accommodation could be secured for the next 5th year trip to the Gaeltacht in May as this year’s accommodation was appalling. (Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trip despite this but needs to be addressed for future years).
3. Seán Fallon to speak to the parents of CAP on Thursday 17th Oct at 19.30 re. Anti-bullying.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 8.30pm