

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 14th Mar 2023 8.30pm

Lucht Freastail:

**Micheál Ó Tuama
Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin**

**Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan
Collette Finnegan**

Lucht ar Líne

**Josephine Sugrue
Catriona Hogan Twomey
Paula Roche
Fiona McCormack
Breda Dennehy**

**Winnie Lynch
Tricia Ryan
Elaine Hill
Shelagh McCarthy**

**Greg McNally
Helen Mannion
Sharon Kellaway**

Leithscéalta

Des Connolly

Jerry Rinn

Minutes Issued by: Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin

AGENDA:

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

Imeachtaí Scoile:

1. 22-02-2023 B15 Parent/Teacher meeting. Lots of positive feedback due to helpers on the day
2. 24-02-2022 Fire drill – new signage and training
3. 24-02-2023 The Brook Inn Bursary was awarded to Chloe Alavoine at a ceremony attended by Greg Ó Murchú (The Brook Inn), some teachers, Mícheál, Pádraig O'Sullivan and others.
4. 27-02-2023 Cat4 Exams for B14. Parents met online and were given advice about subject choices. There will be an information day after Easter to give subjects overview.

5. 27-02-2023 Leaving Cert Portal opened for students to pick subjects, extra subjects etc.
6. 01-03-2023 B15 went on a history tour around Cork City
7. 06-03-2023 B14 went on an overnight trip to Kilfinnan. This was a huge success and particularly challenging due to staff covid cases. Julie wanted Mícheál to pass on our gratitude to the teachers as the trip was a huge success and enjoyed by all the students.
8. 09-03-2023 Staff meeting
9. 09-03-2023 B16 Spoken Irish Panel. This was a public forum to encourage spoken Irish, attended by Seán Ó Conall (Law Lecturer and former pupil) and Tomás Ó Sé amongst others.
10. 13-03-2023 Seachtain na Gaeilge saw lots of entertainment, dance, music, cinema trips etc.
11. 13-03-2023 B11 Parent/Teacher meeting. As well as helpers outside the halla, Mícheál also introduced students inside the halla with maps to help parents find teachers etc. All this helped refine the system to make it much more efficient.
12. 14-03-2023 B15 Ag Science went on a trip to Moorepark

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

Leaving Cert Music Practicals will take place on 23rd/24th March. This is worth 50% of the Leaving Cert exam.

Leaving Cert Orals for Irish, Spanish, French and German will take place the first week of the Easter Holidays.

WELCOME

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Des Connolly and Jerry Rinn.

MINUTES

The minutes were proposed by Catriona and seconded by Mícheál.

LEGGINGS UPDATE

Keen House are waiting on an order and expect it at the end of this month. There's an area on their website where you can pre-order the leggings. The amount is limited. They appear true to size and cost EUR40.

ACTION LIST UPDATE

Time has been set aside for Building Works overview and discussion on 18th April. We will meet at the earlier time of 7.30pm - there will be tea/coffee available on the night.

Pedestrian Crossing on Church Hill - Mícheál spoke with Pádraig O'Sullivan and discussed the possibility of a Pedestrian Crossing on Church Hill. Pádraig said it is hard to imagine how it would work. He will speak to city council but it may not be feasible.

Lighting near Scoil na nÓg – Mícheál drove up earlier tonight and it appears to have been fixed.

AOB

Building works presentation on 18th April 2023

There will be a presentation by Mícheál concerning the future building project. While people will be able to join online, it won't be the same experience as in person. There will be a ppt presentation as well as images along the wall. It would be great to see as many people as possible present on the night to get an insight into the future of the school. Collette suggested the school sends a message on the app the week before to bring it to people's attention. Julie will also send a message to the WhatsApp group.

Concern over Maths & Accounting classes for Leaving Cert Students

Greg McNally raised his concern around the number of free classes there have been in recent weeks, especially for Leaving Cert classes at such a crucial point of the year. Mícheál explained it is a particularly challenging time at the moment as there are two teachers absent on serious illness leave and a few teachers are on leave due to Covid. The Maths class has been split in two and are joining the other two Maths classes. The Accounting classes are being delivered online by the teacher from home. If extra Accounting classes are needed, the teacher will provide so on Saturdays after Easter.

Potential alternatives to Zebra Crossing

Paula asked if there were other alternatives proposed should the zebra crossing option be a non-runner. We will wait to see what Pádraig O'Sullivan comes back with first, then look at other options if required.

ACTIONS

1. Send a message via the school app a week prior to the next meeting to invite parents to come along in person to see the building presentation – Mícheál
2. Send a WhatsApp message to the Cumann group a week prior to the next meeting to inform parents the meeting will be best attended in person. Send a reminder message the day before/day of the meeting on 18th April 2023 – Julie

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 18th April 2023 at the earlier time of 7.30pm to allow for the Building Presentation.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.30pm