

# Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

**Miontuairisc:**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 8.30pm**

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| <b>Lucht Freastail:</b> | <b>Micheál Ó Tuama<br/>Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin</b>       | <b>Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan<br/>Jerry Reen</b>                                  |
| <b>Lucht ar Líne</b>    | <b>Des Connolly<br/>Clíona Fergy<br/>Joe McCarthy</b> | <b>Josephine Sugrue<br/>Winnie Lynch<br/>Paula Roche<br/>Caroline Ní Mhurchú</b> |
| <b>Leithscéalta</b>     | <b>Catriona Hogan Twomey<br/>Shelagh McCarthy</b>     | <b>Collette Finnegan<br/>Elaine Hill</b>   |

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**Minutes Issued by:** Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin

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**AGENDA:**

- Fáilte (Julie)**
- Apologies (Julie)**
- Minutes from previous meeting (Nicola)**
- Gnó Scoile ón Príomhoide (Micheál)**
- Ceiliúradh caoga bliain (Micheál)**
- Turas Thar Lar (Mícheál)**
- Roll Call (Nicola)**
- AOB**
- Date for next meeting**

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## **Imeachtaí Scoile:**

1. 22-08-2023 Induction for new teachers
2. 23-08-2023 SNA and Student Teachers (5) return
3. 24-08-2023 Full staff training day
4. 25-08-2023 First Day for students back at school
5. 25-08-2023 Leaving Cert Results (70 Students sat the leaving certificate 2023, 20 got over 600 points, including 7 who received 625 points, 31 students received between 500-599, 10 received between 400-499 and 9 received 200-400 points.

6. 28-08-2023 Defibrillator training for all staff
7. 04-09-2023 Teambuilding trip for B11
8. 06-09-2023 Teambuilding trip for B14
9. 08-09-2023 50-year Celebration
10. 12-09-2023 Staff meeting 15.30 – 17.30
11. 18-09-23 Lord Mayor visit
12. 21-09-2023 Open Night
13. 22-09-2023 Culture Morning in the school in association with Culture Night
14. 25-09-2023 B14 Trip to Barcelona

## **NOTES**

There will be an upcoming celebration for teachers, past pupils etc in the Rochestown Park Hotel

Mícheál suggested he talk about the school's Anti Bullying policy at the next Cumann meeting.

Mícheál showed us a sample of the boys' new geansaí and thanked the Cumann for their support. He also mentioned a girls' team will be formed shortly and would appreciate support from the Cumann for a girls' kit. This was proposed by Mícheál and seconded by Des. In relation to the 50 years celebrations there will be a school day of celebrations on 27<sup>th</sup> October. The school would appreciate help on the day, ideas, if someone knows the owner of a 70s car that may be put on display etc. He will have the program of events at the next meeting.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> October there will be an important meeting with the Department, KOBW and the school to present the plans. A lot of work was carried out over the summer to prepare these plans which, if they are accepted by Department, we can progress to stage two.

Transition year trip to Spain – 81 students went to Barcelona with Seán Ó Colmáin and Cian Ó Coigligh, along with 6 other teachers. It is a huge undertaking and shows great commitment. The school is aware that teachers are not present but have left work for students in the school. The opportunity for the students travelling abroad offers so many benefits.

## **WELCOME**

Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan warmly welcomed everyone to the first meeting of this new school year.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Elaine, Catriona and Collette

## **MINUTES**

The minutes from May 2023 were proposed by Jerry and seconded by Mícheál.

## **ACTION LIST UPDATE**

N/A

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Current Balance is €2,041.24 as of 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023. Mícheál has a cheque from the Voluntary contribution of €2,660.

Mícheál will let Des know how much is needed to cover the cost of the Girls' football kit.

## **AOB**

### **Noise during the Junior Cycle Exams**

Paula mentioned there was a lot of noise during the Junior Cycle exams this year and could it be prevented in the future. Mícheál explained the issue was addressed as soon as the school was made aware of it and that he personally was in the corridor at the relevant times to prevent a reoccurrence.

### **Update on Traffic Calming or a pedestrian entrance near the school**

Paula asked if there was an update on any traffic calming measures near the school or a potential pedestrian entrance. There is currently no update.

### **Window issue in classrooms**

Paula noticed two of the windows in a classroom last week wouldn't open and could this be addressed.

### **Asbestos check**

Paula wondered if, when the asbestos survey was carried out a while back, was any found in the prefabs where the 2<sup>nd</sup> years are located. Nicola checked back over the minutes and noted the only asbestos mentioned was in the halla and some in the basement. This was removed and disposed of at the time as per regulations.

### **Past pupils attending 50 Year Celebrations**

Paula asked if past pupils would be invited to attend 50-year celebrations. Mícheál said they would be.

### **School Tracksuit Day as an option**

Des queried whether it would be an option, on PE day, for students to wear the PE tracksuit for the full day. Mícheál explained this was previously discussed and it was decided this is not the best idea from a hygienic point of view. Furthermore, students remaining in damp clothes for the day would not be a good idea. Nicola asked if perhaps there would be the possibility of students wearing the tracksuit into school the morning of PE, to save students having to change for a second time. Mícheál believed this could be an option.

### **Additional comments**

Des complimented the School's Anti-bullying policy and spoke to how robust and effective it is.

Josephine wanted to thank the teachers who organised the TY trip who made it a fabulous experience for her child, they made it fun, and you could see the efforts involved in organising it. Clíona agrees.

Lost property remains in base classrooms until the end of term when it is moved to outside C13.

There is a uniform bank available (usually towards the end of the school year) but clean uniforms in good condition are welcome at any time.

### **ACTIONS**

1. Present the Anti-bullying policy at the next Cumann meeting – Mícheál
2. Present the program of events for the School's 50 Year's celebration on 27<sup>th</sup> October - Mícheál

### **CLOSE**

In closing, Julie thanked everyone for attending and suggested we set dates for the next few meetings. It was agreed meetings would take place on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 8.30pm**