

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association Coláiste an Phiarsaigh

Miontuairisc:

Tues 20th Feb 2024 8.30pm

Lucht Freastail:	Micheál Ó Tuama Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin Josephine Sugrue Pádraigín Ryan	Julie Dennehy-O'Callaghan Jerry Reen Collette Ní Fhinnegáin	
Lucht ar Líne	Paula Roche Mark Chu Shelagh McCarthy	Des Connolly Peter Kidney	Winnie Lynch Fiona M
Leithscéalta	Clíona Fergy	Elaine Ní Cnoic	

Minutes Issued by: Nicola Uí Mhaoileoin

AGENDA:	Fáilte (Julie) Apologies (Julie) Presentation – Aoife Ní Chonghaile, Chair of the Students' Council Minutes from previous meeting (Nicola) Imeachtaí Scoile ón Príomhoide (Micheál) Actions List (Nicola) Roll Call (Nicola) AOB Date for next meeting	12th March 2024 8.30pm
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WELCOME

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

Imeachtaí Scoile:

1. 17-01-2024 First Aid Course for B14
2. 17-01-2024 History Trip B15
3. 17-01-2024 Parent/Teacher meeting B12

4. 24-01-2024 KOBW meeting in relation to the school's building project
5. 29-01-2024 B14 Work experience
6. 29-01-2024 Last staff training day for Junior Cycle
7. 30-01-2024 Pre-Leaving and Junior Cycle exams
8. 03-02-202 Retirement function for Ber and Máire in The Kingsley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting in Croke Park of Principals in relation to the future changes to the Leaving Certificate curriculum and the implications of this. The proposal is that 40% marks for a project in each subject. There is also the suggestion that English and Irish Paper 1 will be taken at the end of 5th year. There will be TY revamp with credits etc. Mícheál will give full account at next meeting

01-03-2024 50th Year Celebration night in Rochestown Park Hotel. Coláiste is trying to setup a Past Pupil Union. Mark suggested to search on LinkedIn and look for people's previous schools. Mícheál thanked him for this and said they have already tried that. 100 tickets have already been sold for the Rochestown Park night

04-03-2024 Trip to Kilfinnan for B14

19-03-2024 Seachtain na Gaeilge

23-03-2024 Oral exams and music practicals

PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIR OF THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Aoife Ní Chongahaile joined us online to tell us about the important work of the Students' Council in Coláiste an Phiarsaigh and of her role as Chairperson.

The Students' Council meets once a week under the guidance of Iníon Ní Cheallacháin on Wednesdays.

They have representatives from 1st year – 5th year. They help the 1st years to settle in and include them in decision making and the impact they can have within the school. It allows them to grow in confidence.

The Student Council communicates with every year group – asking peers if they have suggestions e.g. raising money for charity. They recently had a movie day in the school which helped raise money for Penny Dinners and over €280 for other charities.

They also had an impact on design of new school – they came up with idea for the walkway around the perimeter of the school.

Comhairle na Mac Léinn hopes to organise some activities for 50th anniversary such as design a tree linking past pupils with current students.

They also try to help with exam pressure a bit – for example, last year they organised a rep for students before exams as well as an ice cream van and letter for each student to wish them well.

Mícheál explained that Scala came in at the start of year and worked with the students on the council to train them on their roles. The Student Council were integral in deciding the uniform development (fleece) last year.

Mícheál thanked Aoife for her excellent presentation.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clíona and Elaine.

MINUTES

Last month's minutes were proposed by Josephine and seconded by Collette.

ACTION LIST UPDATE

Mícheál sent out the list of upcoming Cumann meetings via the app

Julie confirmed that 20th Feb was suitable for this Cumann meeting

AOB

NATIONAL PARENTS COUNCIL

Nicola received a letter from the National Parent's Council asking us to become a member. NPC is for primary, secondary and preschool. Mícheál thinks it's important to be affiliated with the NPC. Inspectorates and whole school evaluation cannot happen unless we are members of NPC.

Julie explained that the NPC is a super organisation, well-structured and recognised by the Department of Education. They play an integral part in Leaving cert curriculum development.

It was agreed for the Cumann na d'Tuismitheoirí to join. The cost is based on the size of the school. Currently 580 students in Coláiste an Phiarsaigh which would cost €100 to join.

Jerry asked if the Cumann would need to affiliate to any other body. Julie explained they may look for delegates to the national assembly but don't pressurise you to join. No demands but they do have opportunities.

SPONSORSHIP

Mícheál asked would the Cumann be able to offer some sponsorship for the 50th Anniversary Night Celebrations. It was agreed that Cumann would give €1,000 for the school to do with as they see fit.

There will be a Ciorcal Cainte on the night where 8 past pupils have been invited to talk and be recorded. Julie has kindly agreed to be included in this group. Polka 4 from Kerry will be the entertainment on the night and there will also be a prosecco reception.

Mícheál has also asked for the Cumann to sponsor the annual 6th Year Coffee and Cake reception in Vienna Woods on 22nd May.

SOCCER

Josephine asked would all students be going to the upcoming soccer match. Mícheál said if they get to the final, all students will then go.

ACTIONS

1. Mícheál will give an account of the Croke Park Principals' gathering at the next Cumann meeting
2. Nicola to post the NPC Membership form

CLOSE

In closing, Julie thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 8.30pm