



Coiste na dTuismitheoirí

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Miontuairiscí Cruinniú Cinn Bliana Coiste na dTuismitheoirí

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I láthair/present:

Roisín Ní Loinsigh, Fiona Olwill, Lynn Dúdal, Louise Cahill, Sinéad Mihic an tSionnaigh, Louise Anderson, Marguerite Deegan, Ann Teehan, Sinéad Pollock Orr, Darren Mac Giolla Bhríde, Lisa de Róiste, Yvonne Robinson, Emma Nolan, Karen O'Neill, Sheila Clarke, Leonie Uí Bhroin, Sinéad Guillibhéar, Sara O'Briain, Darren O'Briain, Daragh Mac Raghnaill, Lindsay Miller, Jean Andrews, Trish Johnston, Susan Grogan, Carmel Kearney, Celine Horner, Trish Uí hAirt, Ann Prendergast, Lulu O'Mahony, Anne- Marie Dohan, June Prior, Laoise Ní Chléirigh, Claire Duff, Celine Murray, Bernadette Ní Ogáin, Rita Ní Thuathail, Tomás Ó Póil, Dara Brady, Ciaran Marrinan, Sinéad Mulholland, Fiona Roche, Julie Boyle, Olive Farrell

Fáilte/Welcome

Chairperson's Welcome

Roisín Ní Loinsigh welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Roisín explained that the purpose of the AGM is to inform the parent body of the work & activities carried out by the Parents' Association, to seek new ideas from parents, to give account of funds received and spent and to dissolve the 2016/17 Coiste and form a new one. She introduced Louise Cahill as Treasurer, Olive Ní Fhearaíl as head of Fundraising, Bernie Ní Ogáin as Chairperson of the Board of Management, and Tomás Ó Póil as representative of An Forás Pátrúnachta.

Tómas Ó Póil (An Forás Pátrúnachta)

Tómas explained that he was invited by the school to speak on behalf of An Forás Pátrúnachta the patron of the school to explain the roles of the various school committees and bodies;

- Parents play a vital role in schools – mutual trust is essential.
- Fundraising efforts are very gratefully received, there is significant shortfall in funds in all schools across the country.
- Parents Committee (Coist are the eyes and ears of the Board of Management (BOM)
- BOM includes 2 elected parent members who undertake a voluntary role.
- Social media can interfere with school management. Parents are advised to follow grievance procedure in the case of any issues.
- Trust in the BOM is essential to support the Principal.
- On behalf of An Forás Pátrúnachta GRMA

Report of the Coiste (incl. sub-committees)

Roisin;

- Thanks to all existing members for their work.
- Beneficial to have Coiste members to serve for 1+ years for continuity and knowledge, the ideal being for 2-3 years.
- Special thanks to amazing school staff- Gregg and R. Lisa. To Parents who help with fundraising, school tours and Blitz. To the community on La Spraoi- water safety RNLA, the Civil Defence and Fire Service. To P. Rita for all her efforts in her dual role, and P. Eoghan who built a fantastic school and left an amazing team.
- Coiste and Fo Coiste: The Coiste is a group of parents (8-20) and act as a link between parents and school management. Meet once a month, a parent rep from BOM, P. Rita and 1 staff member attend the meeting. The Coiste has Sub committees e.g. Fundraising and Coiste Glas.
- The Coiste is a link between parents and the school but is not a vehicle for individual complaints.
- The Coiste has its own Constitution and Insurance, is NPC registered, Coiste members are parents not experts.
- In 2017 the Coiste received a Cumann na mbunscoil Award which is a countrywide Organisation promoting Gaelic. We have All Ireland Players in the school – M. Darragh, M. Eoghan and M. Brendan.
- Also in 2017 the Coiste got a special Award from NPC – Fred O’ Connell Award for charity efforts.
- **Louise Anderson - Coiste Glas update**
- Coiste Glas is a sub- committee which promotes green initiatives within the school.
- Coiste Glas come in to the school to raise awareness of green issues and do planting with the school classes around the school. Our theme this year was Biodiversity. We planted pumpkins, peas, raspberries, heather and sunflowers with all of the children in the school and talked about the importance of bees and pollination.
- The school got it’s first Brát Glas on the theme of Litter and Waste in 2016 and is aiming for 2nd Brat Glas in Energy in 2018.
- **Olive Farrell - Fundraising Committee update**
- The Fundraising team had 8 members this year, they organised one fundraiser per term.
- The fundraising events this year were the Christmas Cards, Ceili Mor and La Spraoi.

- €15,800 was raised which was well in excess of the target of €10,000 many thanks to all of the helpers with the events and to parents for their great support.
- The Aonach Leabhar with run every two years based on feedback.
- Charitable collection was donated to the Martin Family.
- **Roisin**
- The Refreshment sub-Committee are critical responding to numerous call outs for refreshments at school events throughout the year. Big thanks to everyone who helped making teas and coffees.
- The Sacraments sub-Committee organise Communion and Confirmation events arranging parties for the children in the school after the church.
- The Policy sub-Committee in the early days did a lot to review, create and develop policies as they were being written. Last year there was no new policy written. Treasurer's Report

Louise Cahill – Treasurer's update

- Louise explained the Coiste Accounts are managed to industry best practice standards.
- At any fundraising event there are at least two people to count the money and there are two signees for the Coiste bank account.

Dorothy - Treasurers update from Board Of Management – 2015/2016 money raised by the Coiste brought straight into school account was earmarked for substitute teachers to avoid younger classes having to be split up in case of teacher absence. However due to nationwide teacher shortages there were no sub-teachers available.

2016/2017 – Money spent on;

€3,000 – unspent on substitute teachers as none available

€10,000 – Bus Journeys to GAA blitzes etc

€1,500 – Library Books

€6,000 – Athletics, yoga and drumming classes

Coiste Expenses

Bank Fees

Kitchen equipment – coffee machines etc

Albs dry cleaning.

2017 New Coiste; new members were elected.

Louise Cahill, Darren McGiolla Bhríde, Edel Mitchell Mulholland, Feargal McKenna, Fiona Roche, Iseult Nic Ghearaill, John Quinn, Karen O'Neill, Leonie UíBhroin, Lindsay Miller, Lulu O'Mahoney, Seosamh Ó Dálaigh, Susan Grogan, Emma Nolan, Louise Anderson, Julie Boyle

P. Rita - Principal's Report;

Thank you to Roisin, BOM, all the school staff for everyone's time and support. Parent involvement in the school, with talks, reading in the classroom is always welcome. As Tomas and Roisin have stated the running of the school is dependent on parents, and is of great benefit to teaching our children.

Bernie - Board of Management (BB) Report;

On behalf of the BOM Bernie thanked Roisin and the parents for all their support, time and effort. She thanked P. Eoghan for all his work building the school up, and recognised that P. Rita has also been here from the beginning and has done amazing work over the years. She deserves huge support and congratulations in her role as Principal.

Bernie welcomed new parents to the school and encouraged them to get involved in school committees/activities regardless of their level of Irish. She explained the one of the most important roles of the BB is to support the school, staff and parents in the education of the children, and to support and maintain the high standard of Irish.

P. Rita;

- Date for fire safety remedial works – Contractor to be in touch this week to commence building works.
- In response to concerns, if necessary the Fire Officer would vacate the building however they have said this is not necessary.
- The last Fire Drill was yesterday and took 4mins 10 sec.
- A Fire Officer will attend another Fire Drill to observe and if necessary make suggestions – Updates will be forthcoming.
- Concern from parents: fire rating, should have an hour to get out in the event of a fire – currently 30 mins. Upstairs is a major concern if exits are blocked. Fire brigades access is a huge concern. In response; the Fire Brigade happy they will have access to the back yard.
- Traffic Management in School – Fire Officers will look at that issue.
- Fire Alarms give early warning.
- Not a public Road so can't issue tickets to cars illegally parked. Parents need to take responsibility.
- Ladders suggested for upper floors.
- Within two years expect the school to be at full capacity – application for two extra class rooms is intended.
- Communion and Confirmation Dates TBC

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