

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí Scoil Aonghusa Scoil Aonghusa Parents' Council

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Miontuairiscí CCB 19 Deireadh Fómhair 2023

Minutes of AGM on 19th October 2023

1. Leithscéalta: Apologies

2. Fáilte ó Chathaoirleach: Chairperson's Welcome and Opening -Gillian Burke Faulkner

Fáilte. Ba mhaith liom fáilte mhór a chur roimh gach duine anseo anocht chuig Comhdháil na Bliana de Chumann na d'Tuismitheoirí Scoil Aonghusa. Is mise Gillian agus is mé an Leas Cathaoirleach.

I have 3 children attending Scoil Aonghusa, Lucy in Rang a Sé, Millie in Rang a Dó and Sadie in Rang a hAon.

I have been on the Parent's Council the last few years, with all the members we do our best to help out at school events and are responsible for the Christmas Raffle each December, I would like to thank all the members for all the work they put in to helping raise funds for the school and assisting on days like Pancake Tuesday, First Holy Communion and Confirmation and helping with the book coverings too.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting. We will now run through the agenda for this evening's meeting.

3. Miontuairisc an A.G.M. deireanach: Minutes of last A.G.M.

It was confirmed that the minutes of the last A.G.M. were placed on the school website.

4. Aitheasc an Phríomhoide: Principal's Address - Edel Ní Bhroin

Dia daoibh go léir agus go raibh maith agaibh.

Thank you all for joining us this evening. Go raibh maith agat to all members of Cumann na d'Tuismitheoirí for their invaluable assistance and dedication for the good of our school. It is

very much appreciated and makes a difference for the pupils of Scoil Aonghusa.

It is my privilege to be Príomhoide of Scoil Aonghusa, to get to know your children and see the great relationship between the teachers and students as they teach, learn and succeed together and to work alongside a caring, dedicated, professional and hardworking staff along with the Board of Management and Cumann na dTuismitheoirí . Ní neart le cur le chéile.

5. Tuairsc Bhord Bainistíochta: Board of Management Chairperson's Address - Séamus Finnegan

Dia dhaoibh go léir,

I would like to thank Cumann na dTuismitheoirí for the opportunity to address the AGM tonight. I'd like to begin by thanking Gareth as Cathaoirleach, Gillian as Leas-Chathaoirleach, Sarah as Rúnaí and Danielle as Cisteoir for all their hard work on your behalf and on behalf of the students and the school over the past year. The Board is deeply appreciative of your contribution over the past twelve months. I'd also like to acknowledge the huge level of support the school receives from the members of the Board of Management, Múinteoir Edel as Principal and Secretary to the Board, Liam and Olivia as Parents' nominees, Canon Eugene as the Trustee's nominee and Tara Walker and John Halpin as Community nominees – their service to the school ensures that every aspect of the governance of the school is in keeping with the regulations as laid down by the Department of Education and is faithful to the ethos of the school as a Catholic school under the patronage of the Archbishop of Armagh as well as promoting the school's core mission to promote the Irish language as the medium of instruction and engagement with all aspects of school life.

We will be looking for two new parents' representatives to join the Board of Management as the 4 years are up now and we thank Liam and Olivia for all their contribution for the past 4 years. Letter will be sent out to all parents informing them of the option to nominate a mother or father of a child in the school and the necessary steps to be taken to make the nomination.

I would like to thank Múinteoir Edel for all she does each and every day for the good of the school and students.

I would also encourage other parents to join the Parents Council to assist the existing members and to get involved in some of the fundraising events which raise funds which are then used to improve the school environment and enrich the children's lives.

6. Tuairsc an Chisteora, Bord Bainistíochta: Board of Management Treasurer's Report - Liam Harbison

Our financial year ends on 31st August and these are the figures for the last 2 financial years so you can make a comparison. As you can see the total income for the year was €177,741 The average monthly expenditure is €14,212.00.

The donation from Cumann na dTuismitheoirí was €10,000- towards the Sensory Room.

Heating costs 2022/2023 - of €19,146 up from €17,663 last year.

The School Lotto has been a great success which started in May 2022. It has generated extra funds for us. The net income Sept 2022 - August 2023 - €7,234.00. Thank to you all who play the School Lotto weekly.

Please see attached my report -

7. Tuairisc an Cisteora, Cumann na dTuismitheoirí: Parents' Council Treasurers report - Liam Harrison

Liam gave the Parents Councils Treasurers report in Danielle's absence for year ending 31st August 2023.

Please see attached Danielle's report-

8. Aitheasc an Cathaoirligh: Chairperson's Address - Gillian Burke Faulkner

Our Current Chairperson Gareth and his family have moved abroad for the next year. Gillian read Gareth's Speech on his behalf.

The Chairpersons Address.

Dia duit agus ba mhaith liom fáilte mhór a chur gach duine. Is mise Gareth Duffy agus is mé Cathaoirleach Chumann na dTuismitheoirí Scoil Aonghusa. Unfortunately I am unable to attend this evenings AGM having made the move with the family abroad for this academic year. We were fortunate to have had three pupils attend Scoil Aonghusa, Amelia completed rang a sé in May 2022, Laragh completed Rang a trí and Devin naíonán sinsir this year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Gillian our Leas Cathaoirleach, Sarah, Danielle and all the members of the team at the Cumman na dTuismitheoirí for another great year.

For some of you parents who are coming along to your first AGM we welcome you and I can highly recommend participating in the Parents Council. It is a fantastic way to meet other parents at the school and contribute in any way you can. We meet monthly which we do as a combination of online and in the School leabharlann.

The Officers of the Council consists of myself, Gareth Duffy Chairperson, Vice Chairperson Gillian Burke, Treasurer Danielle Victory, Secretary Sarah King and the National Parents' Council Representative, Sinead Townsend.

There are also two parents nominated by parents who serve on the Board of Management, Liam Harbison, and Olivia Kierans.

The main function of the Parents Council is to plan for school events and fundraise for the School. We are a community, The Board, the Parents council, the Staff and you the parents. At the end of the day, everything we do with in this community is for the children. The more involved parents are in the Council the more the children get out of it.

Our main fundraising events through the year are the Christmas Raffle and the school Lotto.

The School Lotto was launched in 2022. The draw takes place on Fridays through our partners ourfundraiser.ie with a guaranteed weekly winner of €25. There are two weekly options of €2 for 1 line or three lines for €5 to participate. This easily allows all parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles join in the school Lotto and make a difference. Details on how to join can be found on the school website.

We also had another very successful Christmas Raffle for the school last year. It is fantastic to see the generosity of parents, local businesses and kind donations of prizes which helped us fundraise for a new 'Bubble tube package' for the sensory room at the school. This fantastic addition helps the children feel calm and relaxed within the safe space that is the sensory room at the school. We use fundraising cards and the online platform way2pay to give families different options to enter the raffle. It remains the Cumann na dTuismitheoirí main fundraising event of the year.

Other events that the Parents Council help organise and contribute towards include Pancake Day in February, where each class are served pancakes in the halla a lovely treat for the kids. We also provide a cupán tae and treats for the Communion and Confirmation students and families at the Halla in May. This is always a great celebration of the school community and a fantastic opportunity to bring the school community together.

An additional event took place this year in June when we had the 'Teddy Bears Bingo' hosted at O'Raghallaighs GAA club. It was a great success and again an opportunity for the school community to come together. We had plenty of spot prizes on the day, the weather was glorious so the Ice-cream went down a treat. It's something we hope will become an annual event.

In May each year the Parents Council organise the School book scheme which is now funded by the Government. All the books when they eventually arrive from our supplier are labelled, grouped into classes and stored in the leabharlann for the start of the new year.

Thank you to everyone who helped sort out and label the books this year. The delivery from our supplier was delayed and hadn't fully arrived before the start of term. Thanks to everyone who helped out but particularly to Gillian and Deirdre in the Oifig for organising.

I hope this gives you a better understanding of what we do as a Parents Council and what we try to achieve each year. We are always delighted to welcome new members to the team. If you would like to get involved this year, please let Deirdre in the oifig or Múinteoir Edel know, and they will put you in touch with members of the Parents' Council Committee. There is also a WhatsApp helpers' group if you think you are able to help at some of events which we organise through the year.

Our goal is to have a representative from each class on the Parents' Council. Reminders are sent out about upcoming meetings and as I said details are on the website.

If you have some ideas you think will benefit the school, come to the Council and engage, we welcome new voices and suggestions.

I would like to thank the Board of Management for your support. To our Vice Chairperson Gillian, our treasurer Danielle and Secretary Sarah.

To Edel our school principal, Deirdre the school secretary, go raibh míle maith agaibh! You keep the show on the road!

Finally, a huge, big thank you to everyone currently on the Parents' Council Committee, who attended our meetings and helped fundraise money for the school. Without your help we would not be able to achieve as much as we do!

Again thank you all for coming tonight and I hope to be back to see you all soon.

Slán agus beannacht.

9. Aon Gnó Eile: A.O.B.

Múinteoir Edel confirmed anyone interested in being involved with the Council should email Deirdre in the Oifig and she will send out the link for the next meeting.