

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí Scoil Aonghusa

**Scoil Aonghusa Parents Council
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Minutes of Parents Council AGM – 9th October 2024

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 the Cumann na dTuismitheoirí for your invaluable assistance and dedication for the good of our school. It is very much appreciated.

I know it is a pleasure for you to be part of Cumann na dTuismitheoirí, which has a direct impact on your children's schooling.

We have two VIPs here tonight — welcome to Noah and Keeva — and we thank them for all they are doing to help make the school a better and greener place for everyone.

Welcome to Liz and Kevin, our new Board of Management representatives!

Miontuairiscí an A.G.M. dheireanach: Minutes of Last A.G.M.

It was confirmed that the minutes of the last AGM were placed on the school website.

Tuairisc Bhord Bainistíochta: Board of Management Chairperson's Address – Séamus Finegan

Dia daoibh go léir. I would like to thank Cumann na dTuismitheoirí for the opportunity to address the AGM tonight. I would like to begin by thanking the members for all their hard work on behalf of the students and the school over the past year. The Board is very 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, Liz and Kevin as Parents' nominees, Canon Eugene as the Patron's nominee and Gráinne Berrill and John Halpin as Community nominees. Their service to the school ensures that every aspect of governance is in keeping with the Department of Education's regulations and that the school is faithful to its ethos as a Catholic school under the patronage of the Archbishop of Armagh.

The Board has been engaged in reviewing and updating various school policies such as the anti-bullying policy, child protection policy, and Health & Safety review, all while maintaining a strong emphasis on our Ethos and the wellbeing of every student.

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

I also encourage parents to join the Parents Council to assist existing members and to get involved in fundraising events that raise funds for school improvements.

Tuairisc Chisteoir Bhord Bainistíochta: Board of Management Treasurer's Report – Liz Carolan

Please find report attached.

Tuairisc Chisteoir Chumann na dTuismitheoirí: Parents' Council Treasurer's Report – Bryan McLaughlin

Dia dhaoibh a chairde. Is mise Bryan McLaughlin agus is cisteoir Cumann na dTuismitheoirí mé. Ta beirt phaiste agam sa scoil - tá Rian i Rang a haon, agus ta Casey i Rang a do.

I will present the income and expenditure account for the Cumann na dTuismitheoirí for 2023/2024.

Total income for the year was €11,555 with €4,826 coming from the book scheme and remainder coming from the Christmas raffle. Total expenses for the year were €1,217 leaving a surplus for the year of 10,338. We transferred a total of 19,000 euro from the Cumann na dTuismitheoirí accounts over to the operating accounts of the school to help with the ongoing running of Scoil Aonghusa for the year under review. This leaves a closing balance at the end of August of €1,383. Please find attached Report.

Aitheasc an Chathaoirligh: Chairperson's Address – Nóirín Murphy

Dia dhaoibh, is mise Nóirín, Cathaoirleach Choiste na dTuismitheoirí. Fáilte mhór roimh gach duine.

To those of you who are coming to your first meeting of the Parents council, míle buíochas, and you are very welcome. We hope that you might consider getting involved in the Parents' Council. It is a great way to meet up with other parents and to contribute in whatever way you can to activities taking place in the school for the good of the children and for the school community here in Scoil Aonghusa. The Parents council meets monthly, online and in person, and the main function of the meetings is to make plans for school events such as Pancake Tuesday and organising the cupán tae for holy communion and confirmation. Here is an overview of the kind of events the Parents council ran for 2023 & 2024: -

First Holy Communion: We organise the cupán tae and cakes here in the school and we invite parents to volunteer that day to help out with this and the same for the confirmation.

School books: every year, usually in late summer the parents council help out with sorting the books for the upcoming new year and we organise the covering of them.

Uniform swapshop: uniforms are donated into the school at the end of the year and families can exchange for second hand uniforms for their children for the next school year. This helps save on uniform costs. Members of the Parents council help out with sorting the uniforms.

Fundraising is a very important function of the Parents Council. The council organises the annual school raffle which takes place around Christmas

every year, and last year we were very lucky to have had some great sponsors on board.

Teddy Bear's Picnic: this took place on 9th June in the O' Raghallaighs GAA club. The O' Raghallaighs kindly gave us the loan of the hall for free that day as it was raining. A Bingo as Gaeilge was ran with prizes and there was an ice cream machine for the children.

Patrick Carolan 24 hour Mondello Park Cycle: On 22nd June, parent Patrick Carolan undertook a cycle to raise funds for the school library. He cycled for 24 hours around Mondello Park. A big thank you also to Liz who was extremely busy getting donations from local businesses and the people of Drogheda. The aim was to receive €10,000 and that amount was raised in donations.

And so you can see the kind of activities that the Parents Council organises; so we would like to invite you to join us to exchange ideas on how to help out with these activities throughout the year. And I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gillian, Sarah and Caroline and all others involved for all their hard work during the year in organising events for the school. And we hope to have new members from here on and into 2025. Ná bódh leisce oraibh cuidiú a thabhairt!

8. Aon Ghnó Eile: A.O.B.

Edel invited anyone interested in joining or getting involved with the Council to email Deirdre in the Oifig (office). Deirdre will send out the link for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 23rd October 2024.

