



Cumann Tuismitheoirí Coláiste Bhrógáin Naofa

St. Brogan's College Parents' Association

Meeting 15th May 2017

AGENDA

- Introduction by Chairperson – Sandra Corcoran
- Address by Principal – Ms Helen Cadogan.
- Apologies
- Minutes from last meeting 13-03-17 and matters arising.
- Correspondence.
- Any other Business (A.O.B.).



Minutes Of Parents Association on 15th May 2017

Attendance : Ms. Helen Cadogan (Principal)

Parents : Sandra Corcoran (Secretary); Siobhan Markey (Secretary), Peter Creagh, Fiona McCarthy, Marie O'Callaghan, Susan Williamson, Caroline McSweeney, Mary O'Neill, Eithne Bracken, Margaret Hourihane, Eunice Doyle

Apologies: Ann-Marie Ryan, Jennifer Gash, Geraldine O'Farrell

1. Principal's Address

- Ms Cadogan gave an update on recent burglary in school. The insurance will pay for the damaged phone lines and door. Does not cover loss of money stolen as the key to the safe was on the premises. The alarm system has been changed and now can't be deactivated if phone lines cut.
- Money available under Summer Works scheme to be used to repair roofs at the front of the building.
- Replacement of windows is progressing well. Due to pause during the exam period and to continue again in July.
- Money from ETB to be used to turn the current library into a class room and small offices. The existing boy's toilet is to be converted into the library.
- Problems with fir's toilets and due to be sorted over the summer.
- Prefabs will be needed for Sept 2018 to accommodate the current increase in pupil numbers. New intake of 1st years for Sept is 116
- Plan is to cap numbers of school entrants for next year and the current enrolment policy is to be reviewed.
- Plan to change the food/canteen arrangements for next school year. Fizzy drinks and sweets will no longer be available. Looking at system of rolls + variety of fillings. School is currently researching options etc. Query survey students about what they would like.
- Update on New Junior Cert (based on 24 statements of learning)- Information available as slide show and to be uploaded to school website for parents to access)
Summary of information
 - Maximum no. of subjects will be 10
 - St. Brogan's plans to do 9 subjects and 2 sort courses on I.T. and P.E.
 - No exam for CSPE
 - Phasing on of new curriculum for English, Business Studies and Science for this year's 1st years.
 - New Junior Cycle now involves a Profile of Achievement for each student.
 - Teachers will have 40 minutes less face to face teaching time to cover the time needed for administration of new curriculum.
 - New Well Being course. (300 hours until 2020 and then moving to 400 hours.) Incorporates P.E, CSPE, SPHE.
This will be a 3-year programme and planning will involve collaboration between school and parents. Discussion about how to involve parents in this process. Some suggestions included introducing this topic to parents at Orientation and Options meeting.
- Upskilling for teachers will be organised. Teacher's meeting planned for 29th May.
- Other: Recent SEN report was very positive and will be uploaded to school website.

Date for next PA meeting to be arranged!