



Cumann Tuismitheoirí Coláiste Bhrógáin Naofa

St. Brogan's College Parents' Association

Meeting 23rd October 2018

AGENDA

- Introduction by Chairperson – Sandra Corcoran
- Address by Principal – Ms Helen Cadogan.
- Apologies
- Minutes from last meeting 8th May 2018 – read and approved
- Correspondence.
- Fundraising Plan
- Any other Business (A.O.B.).



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Present	Helen Cadogan (Principal) Siobhan Ryan, Sandra Corcoran, Sadie Coughlan, Eunice Doyle, Ellen Lucey, Carol McSweeney, Catherine Hurley, Patricia O'Donovan, Rachel Ross, Ruth Slattery, Máire Curtin, Olivia Manning, Peter Creagh, Ann O'Donovan, Marie O'Callaghan, Eithne Bracken
Apologies	None
Matters arising from previous minutes	One
Correspondence:	None
Principal's address	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSE 	Ms Cadogan went through summary of oral feedback from recent Whole School inspection (WSE). See summary on file.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New portacabins 	Site to be dug out over mid term for location of 4 new portacabins, due to be rented on temporary basis. Additional lighting and steps to be made also. Two extra entrances to be opened up to help with pupil circulation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New build 	Plan for 4 new classrooms, including a new DCG room to be submitted soon. The location for this new build will be near existing glass houses. Ms Cadogan is currently in consultation with surrounding neighbours.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications For new Enrolment Sept 19 	Very high application i.e. approx. 190 applications received to date. 64/65 of these applications have siblings in school. Ms Cadogan will meet with BOM to process these applications in near future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closure 	School closure is planned for Monday 12 th Nov for Inservice training for New Junior Cert.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New PE pilot programme for Senior Cycle currently in progress. Currently being run as short course with a view to expand to full Leaving Cert Subject. - Computer Science is also been run as a short course with assessment in school. Current 1st and 2nd year are studying this subject at Junior Cert. - Ms Cadogan has received requests for school to offer a second language but not possible at this stage. - Currently two teacher learning groups in school. Group one is focussing on the teaching of the new Well Being course that encompasses SPHE, CSPE, PE and additional modules. The aim is that by 2020 there will be 400 hours of Well Being. <p>Group two is focussed on teachers shifting their teaching to a more problem-based learning approach. This is where students are expected to become more independent thinkers and learn to research Information. There is a greater emphasis on enabling students to engage in more group work and higher order thinking.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Approach in school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is where each student would have their own ipad/lap top for downloading of digital books. Each student would also have a hard copy of text books which could be kept at home. There are pros and cons to this approach. For example, a major advantage would be a lighter school Bag load but this needs to be weighed up against increasing screen time for students. Some schools have gone down this route and Ms Cadogan and team are currently doing research on this area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for Fundraising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In December there will be usual bag packing (Super Valu, River view) in December. Dates to be arranged. This will involve TY students and parents. Rota to be arranged. - School raffle to be held in December. Each family is asked to bring in luxury food items and Toiletries early in end Nov/early Dec. Hampers for raffle to be made up by PA and each family

	<p>will be given tickets to sell. Date for draw to be finalised.</p> <p>- American Tea Party to be held in school end of February 2019.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA committee 	<p>Sandra Corcoran to remain as Chair – Final year</p> <p>Siobhan Markey to remain as Secretary – final year</p> <p>Sadie Coughlan to remain as Treasurer.</p>

Minutes taken by Siobhán Markey