



Cumann Tuismitheoirí Coláiste Bhrógáin Naofa

St. Brogan's College Parents' Association

Meeting 16th September 2019

AGM AGENDA

- Introduction by Chairperson – Sandra Corcoran
- Address by Principal – Ms Helen Cadogan.
- Apologies
- Minutes from last meeting – 28.01.19
- Correspondence.
- Fundraising Plan
- Tractor run
- Christmas raffle.
- AGM
 - Election of new officers – Chair
 - Secretary
 - AOB



St Brogan's College: Parent's Association meeting 16th September - Minutes

AGM

Helen Cadogan (Principal) gave the following update:

| Issue | Action |
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| <p><i>Future building developments/refurbishment:</i></p> <p>Plans for the development of an all-weather pitch underway. This will be a 5-year plan and school are in liaison with the local Bandon GAA about partnership with this project. Plans have been tendered.</p> <p>Extension to accommodate 4 new classrooms. Objection received to planning permission. Hopefully this objection will be resolved by end of October. Building project aiming to be ready by 2020.</p> <p>PE hall was painted both inside and outside. New flooring also put down.</p> | <p>Ongoing – 5-year plan</p> |
| <p><i>Current school enrolment:</i> 602 New first year intake this Sept : 120 pupils Open night evening planned for 10.10.19 October 25th will be deadline for receipt of applications for next year's intake.</p> | <p>Representatives from Parent's Association to attend Open evening.</p> |
| <p><i>School routine:</i> Break/lunch times</p> <p>Canteen; Free food now available at small break due to additional funding. Students can purchase food at the bigger, lunch break. One parent brought up the point that there seemed to be less food available at the bigger break No plastic cups available in canteen.</p> <p>Pitch has been littered during break times</p> | <p>Changes to break times across the years to ease congestion in the canteen. 10.25am: 1st, 2nd and 4th years 11am: 3rd, 5th & 6th years</p> <p>Mrs Cadogan to follow up on availability of food at bigger break.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to bring their own bottles (as given to them by school)</p> <p>Students no longer allowed to bring food to eat on the pitch.</p> |
| <p><i>School exams;</i> No mid-term tests anymore. 3 reports to be issued going forward 1) November (Christmas tests) 2) Pre exams (3rd & 6th years) 3) Summer exams</p> <p>CBA (classroom-based assessments) 3rd year CBA – before Christmas 2nd year CBA- after Christmas</p> | |
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| <p>Curriculum updates:</p> <p>Spanish introduced this year as a ‘taster’ subject to first years in response to previous demands for a second language. If there are enough pupils interested in doing Spanish it will offered on a choice band going forward. May have to make choice of languages in first year before starting.</p> <p>Chinese being offered as a ‘taster’ subject to TY students.</p> <p>Polish now being offered as a curriculum subject. Senior cycle students are studying Polish after school on Wednesdays.</p> <p>Focus on offering additional languages is as a result of a Post primary government initiative. NCCA looking to organise a focus group to find out about student’s experience of learning additional languages.</p> | |
| <p>Staffing updates</p> <p>-New Guidance Counsellor recruited who will see students from 1st, 3rd and 5th year this year -Existing guidance Counsellor will see students from 2nd, 4th and 6th year. Teachers will swap to ensure continuity. Additional cover for Relationships and Sexuality module is now possible, where this will be 6 classes in 4th, 5th and 6th years.</p> <p>- Two new Irish teachers and a new Engineering teacher have been recruited.</p> <p>-Colette Dineen is now covering for the home-School & community Liaison position. She can be contacted on 086 4182057</p> | |
| <p>New technology being used in school: New Surface Go technology is available to all teachers for use in the classroom. This is a mechanism to help enhance teaching and learning. The school have a 3-year lease agreement with a managed service.</p> | <p>Students encouraged to use 365 Microsoft office, where they can use their school email to login with the personal password. It is envisaged that teachers will be using the new Surface Go technology to send home video links of experiments/cookery demonstrations/ capture whiteboard notes from previous teaching sessions etc.</p> |
| <p>Fundraising Tractor run being organised for 20th October</p> | <p>Registration in the GAA hall at 11.30am Cost: €20 Ag. Science students are helping to organise event. Stewards will be needed to guide tractor run Sandwiches/refreshments etc</p> |
| <p>Election of new Chair and Secretary for PA No nominations or volunteers for these roles at this meeting.</p> | <p>Sandra Corcoran (out going Chair) and Siobhán Ryan (out going Secretary) agreed to continue in caretaking roles until new officers are in place.</p> |

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| <p>AOB Current board of management of the ETB are looking for 2 parent representatives (1 male and 1 female)</p> | <p>P.A can nominate parents.</p> |
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