



Cumann Tuismitheoirí Coláiste Bhrógáin Naofa

St. Brogan's College Parents' Association

Meeting 13th March 2017

AGENDA

- Introduction by Chairperson – Sandra Corcoran
 - Address by Principal – Ms Helen Cadogan.
 - Apologies
 - Condolences.
 - Minutes from last meeting 23-01-17 and matters arising.
 - Correspondence.
 - Any other Business (A.O.B.).
- Internet Safety Talk for Parent's Association with Garda Damian Whyte the Community Garda



Minutes of meeting held in the school on Monday 13th March 2017 at 8pm

Present: Sandra Corcoran (Chair); Siobhán Markey (Sec + minutes); Jennifer Collins; Mary O'Neill; Susan Williamson; Eithne Bracken; Peter Creagh; Maureen Power; Rose Hoey; Sadie Coughlan; Eunice Doyle; Sinéad Moloney; Caroline McSweeney; Marie O'Callaghan; Geraldine Farrell (Treasurer); Helen Cadogan (Principal),

Apologies: Ann-Marie Ryan,

Update from Principal: Mrs Cadogan provided an update of events in the school as follows:

- Course options talk for First Year students took place recently
- Options talk for third years scheduled for 15.03.17 for both students and parents in order to plan timetable for next academic year. (create bands of choices) final choices will be made by Christmas 2017 where it's possible for students to move between bands that are available.
- Information about what's involved in the Leaving Cert. Applied course (LCA) will be explained in more detail at options talk.
- A number of new applications to transfer into the school at transition year have been made. However there are a limited number of available places.
- **Critical Incident Plan**

This is a requirement of the school by the Dept of Ed and Tusla have issued some guidelines about the writing of this plan. This plan needs to be in place by September 2017. The aim of the Critical Incident Plan is to have a response plan in place that will enable the school team to respond in an appropriate way to any such critical event that may happen. NEPS and Tusla (HSE) would work with the school. Mrs Cadogan is the designated Child Protection Officer within St. Brogan's and all staff have been trained in SPHE. A designated team of staff members will be established to coordinate the response plan in conjunction with NEPS and Tusla (HSE) personnel.

This document is currently at consultation phase. It will be uploaded to the school website for review and consideration by all parents. Parents are encouraged to contact Mrs Cadogan with any queries and comments about the plan.

- **Administration of Medicines Policy within the school.**

Currently being drafted and is due to be fully implemented by next school year. This policy will be reviewed again after 12 months.

- Cardiac screening programme will be available on Tuesday 28th March for all students who registered with company online.
- Re: New Junior Cert:
The school have decided on running short courses on P.E. and Coding.
There will be one more school closure (during the last week of school)

Update on refurbishment

- Window replacement project has started. It will take many months and a lot of work is scheduled for over Easter holidays.
- The electrics within the school need to be replaced and Mrs Cadogan will be applying for specific funding to complete this work.
- A pedestrian crossing with railings in place for safety reasons.

AOB

- Some discussion about creating a gravel path behind the goal areas where students walk to gain access to local shop.
- School app. Needs updating especially about extracurricular activities.
- PA to look at organising a talk by Garda Damien Whyte about Internet Safety
- Some parents also mentioned looking at getting Nicole Ryan to come to school to give a talk to students on risks and dangers of taking drugs.

Date of next PA: To be arranged.