



CCC Parents Association Meeting 12th January 2026

Fáilte – Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh sí



Agenda – 12th January 2026

- Summary December 2025 meeting
- Role of Parents Association
- Timetable of PA activities – time required
- Astro Pitch Update – Colm O’Grady
- Parental Talks Reminder – Grainne Kehoe
- Finance Update – Nedda Cecchinato
- College update – John Cronin (Principal)
- Charity suggestions and due diligence – Lisa Ockochinski
- AOB



Summary: December 2025 Monthly Meeting

- Review of Minutes from monthly meeting on the 3rd November 2025
- Summary below of Minutes from the monthly meeting on the 8th December
- **AstroTurf Presentation – Colm O’Grady**
 - A slide presentation was given by Colm re the proposed AstroTurf project for the school
 - Proposed Location discussed as current tarmacadam basketball courts and alternative site on the Tir na Nog side of the College
 - Choices re size/fencing/lighting/drainage etc presented along with acknowledgment of potential proximity concerns to the houses adjoining the school.
 - Funding for this project could come from three areas: Sports Development Grant, Plant sales, or donations/voluntary contribution.
 - Presentation of the potential for a Sports Capital Development Grant (possibly opening for applications in March 2026). Application requires three quotes and approved planning permission. Nine step process of application presented by Colm.
 - Open discussion re presentation: concerns raised about power supply, maintenance, management
 - Request for parents/interested persons who could help with this project re; an architect or others who are linked to clubs which have applied and received a Sports Capital Development Grant, etc.

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- **Charity Due Diligence:** Presentation and subsequent vote moved to January PA meeting.
- **Treasurers Report:** Nedda presented a financial update on the Parents Association accounts with a closing balance of €13,211.33 as at 20th November 2025.
- The Chair thanked the following people
 - Jo McAndrew and Jacqueline Moloney who have volunteered to take over from Lorraine Hagerty's as this year was Lorraine's last year. A big thanks to Lorraine for all the time and effort she has put into this for many years.
 - Lisa Ockochinski and Lar Quigley for volunteering to do the charity due diligence.
 - Grainne Kehoe for volunteering to review options re speakers for the parental talks. volunteered to do this.
- Jacqueline Mooney was officially welcomed as co-treasurer for the PA accounts.



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Parents Talks:

- Talk One Proposed for February 9th, 2026, to be presented by Lorraine Halpin from Jigsaw Outreach re youth mental health.
- Talk Two Proposed for March 25th to be presented by Dr Richard Hogan about mental health promotion. Noted that this talk may be too close to the first talk and may be impacted by school anniversary celebrations. Proposed to move the talk to end of April, Dr Hogan will be contacted to discuss the change.

Principals Update:

- Enrolment for 2026/2027 allocation of places ongoing, first offers have been sent to the prospective pupils.
 - No places in special classrooms as they are now full.
 - Information Evening for Parents of First Years 2026/27: Monday 12th January 2025
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- Preparations for school 30th anniversary concert in Draiocht are underway
 - Mr Cronin flagged a sizable decrease in voluntary contributions this year which will be challenging for the school budget. It was noted that reminders cannot be sent for voluntary contributions. A suggestion to rename them as administration fees which will allow for reminders to be sent to parents. Discussion regarding this is ongoing and will be returned to in the January PA meeting.
 - Report and update re Grease Musical was given and it was a great success having sold out over the 4 nights and created a great buzz in the College and the local community. The event costs a lot to run and expenditure (€28.5k) exceeded income (€23.6k) by circa €5k however this is acceptable. Going forward other revenue streams and costs will be reviewed to narrow / eliminate the loss.
 - Many successes for students in sporting and academic areas as well as LCA's annual concert.
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- Mock interviews have been very successful this year. Thanks to all involved.
- School Carol Service on Thursday December 11. All welcome.
- Next meeting will be **Monday 12th January @7:30pm**



Role of Parents Association – New Attendees

- Partnering with the school management and staff
- Arrange talks of interest for parents throughout the academic year
- Mock interviews
- Readers for inhouse exams
- Policy review for school – parental input
- Deb Committee
- Coffee mornings
- Fundraising & fun – e.g. plant & uniform sales
- Lobbying i.e. College extension

- Strategic plans



Timetable of PA Activities

- Request for list of activities of the PA
 - When required
 - How much time required
 - Share with other parents to support recruitment drive
 - Amend as and when required i.e. new ideas
 - Email contact for PA → pacastleknockcc@gmail.com



Timetable of PA Activities

Activity	Duration of event	Time Required	Time of Year	Training	Contact
Plant Sale	Pre-Event: posters setup, delivery of flyers, buying plants, , licence from Fingal for posters, limits on cash machine etc The event: 2 days + ½ day to setup	0-5 hours before event ½ day -> 2.5 days weekend of event	Early May – weekend after bank holiday (10 th /11 th May)	N	PA
Uniform Sale	Online event	A few hours + and a group in place	3 rd week June & September	N	Sonya MacGillivray / PA
Mock Interviews	1 evening circa 2-3 hours	2-3 hours +30 min preparation	Late October / early November	N	Jacqueline Moloney & Jo McAndrew /PA
Policy Reviews	A few hours 1-2 policies a year	3-4 hours a) pre policy meet, b) policy sent out for review and c) post review meeting with recommendations	Autumn & Spring	Y	PA / John Cronin
Raffle	Licence from Gardai for raffle, print tickets, ask suppliers/local businesses/parents for prizes/sponsorship	5-10 hours	Mar-May	N	PA/Karen Kearney and new owner required / PA
Transition Year Pool	A few hours	A few hours	Autumn & Spring	N	Stephen Connolly / PA
Coffee Mornings	2 hours	2-3 hours	Autumn	N	Denise Doyle
Strategy Group	1 year +	TBC	N/A	N	Colm O’Grady & John Goodwin /PA
Readers	2 hours per exam (3 rd and 6 th years) and depends on how many exams you do	2 hours per exam	November & Feb	Y	Sinead Morrissey Fallon / PA
Debs Committee		TBC		N	Grainne Kehoe /PA
Parental Talks	2 per annum	2-3 hours	Autumn & Spring	N	Grainne Kehoe / PA



Astro Pitch Update



Astro Pitch Update

- Thanks to Ray McGinley and Conchi Olleta for stepping up to volunteer to apply for planning permission. They are due to submit this by the end of January / first week in February.
- We had a meeting on site with Ray & Conchi pre Christmas and we discussed lights and trees around the facility. They agreed that it would be difficult to get planning permission for lights, so it was agreed to apply without lights. Trees do need to be pruned to maximise space.
- Met PST (astro supplier) onsite last week
 - They are happy with the site
 - They questioned the near right of the basketball area as it's a different tarmac, so they questioned why,
 - They mentioned that we may need to level the whole area prior to install.
 - In terms of inset goal post's they are not in favour of these, issue with injuries, broken fingers getting caught in the fence
 - They suggested a 1.2 m line around the whole area and retractable goals, we can seek advice on this.

Parental Talk 9th February @ 7:30pm

- **Lorraine Halpin**, Service Manager at Jigsaw Dublin 15 Youth mental health Services
- Halpin holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Care from Technological University Dublin and a Diploma in Leadership and Management from Shaw University.
- Lorraine will discuss ways that parents can build their skills to support their young people up to the age of twenty three.
- Lorraine will also inform parents about Jigsaw Dublin 15 Services, where they are located and how to refer their young people.



Parental Talk 20th April @ 7:30pm

- Castleknock Community College Parents Association is proud to present an evening with **Dr. Richard Hogan**, Clinical Director Therapy Institute on Wednesday the 25th of March.
- Richard is a systemically trained Family psychotherapist registered with The Family Association of Ireland
- His recent publication, 'Home is where the Start is' was a national bestseller and shortlisted for an Irish book award.
- He writes every Thursday for the Irish Examiner. His column 'Learning Points' explores his progressive approaches to mental health promotion.
- Richard is the leading contributor on RTÉ Raised by the village and The Brendan O Connor show



Finance Update

CCC Parent's Association

Income and Expenditure Report December 2025

	€	€
Opening Balance 31/12/25		€ 13,211.33
Income:		
Total income	€ 0.00	€ 13,211.33
Expenditure		
Total Expenditure	€ 0.00	€ 13,211.33
Closing Balance as of 31/12/25		€ 13,211.33

Future Expected Adjustments

Expenditure

Cheque 500659 -SVPD	€ 100.00	
Cheque 500660 - Musical Tuck Shop	€ 1,602.00	
Clarke's Volunteers night estimate 2024	€ 800.00	
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Charitable Donations 2nd Hand Uniform Sale	€ 4,500.00	
Total Expenditure	€ 7,802.00	€ 5,409.33

Future Closing Balance		€ 5,409.33
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College Update

John Cronin – Principal



Charities for Consideration

- Jigsaw (National Centre For Youth Mental Health)
- Mountview Family Resource Centre
- Cystic Fibrosis Ireland – Dublin West Branch
- Society of Saint Vincent De Paul – St Mochtas
- The National Federation of Arch Clubs
- Croí Mháire (Local Foodbank)
- Bekind Ireland
- Every Step Counts
- Saint Francis Hospice



Jigsaw (National Centre For Youth Mental Health)

- Delivers therapeutic services, promotes youth mental health and mobilises community and societal change to value and support youth mental health.
- National – Local Dublin 15 Office (Blanchardstown Library)
- #20064846 - Charity is registered and compliant with the Charities Regulator
- 2024 Income €16,873,969 and expenditure of €16,863,422
- 2024 Funding from Central Government/ Local Authorities amounted to €14,368,065

Charity Mountview Family Resource Centre

- Provides family and community support through programmes and initiatives targeting the most marginalised and disadvantaged in the community.
 - Local – Based in Mountview, Dublin 15
 - #20203455 - Charity is registered as compliant with the Charities Regulator
 - 2024 Income €494,749 and Expenditure €351,624
 - 2024 Funding from Central Government/Local Authorities amounted to €320,302
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Cystic Fibrosis Ireland

- Promotes the interest and welfare of those affected by cystic fibrosis.
- National – Local West Dublin Branch
- #20011376 - Charity is registered as compliant with the Charities Regulator
- 2024 Income €1,916,588 and Expenditure €2,334,804
- Funding from Central Government/ Local Authorities amounted to €51,569

Society of Saint Vincent De Paul – St Mochtas

- Provide relief of poverty and economic hardship, through fellowship and financial support in our local community.
- National – Local Conference in St. Mochtas Parish Dublin 15
- #20013806 - Charity is registered as compliant with the Charities Regulator
- 2024 Income €102,561,000 and Expenditure €103,657,000
- Funding from Central Government / Local Authorities amounted to €12,150,000



National Federation of Arch Clubs

- Advancement of community welfare. Relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health or disability.
- National – Local Little Butterflies, Clonee (supports children with Autism).
- #20014278 - Charity is registered as compliant with the Charities Regulator
- 2024 Income €99,885 and Expenditure €107,134
- Funding from Central Government / Local Authorities amounted to €89,885

Croí Mháire – Foodbank

- Foodbank set up in 2022 in memory of Mary McDonnell. Based out of St Ciaran’s Church in Hartstown.
- The only foodbank operating in Dublin 15. Distributing non-perishable foods to families in need in Dublin 15
- Not Registered with the Charity Regulator – this is a community initiative which accepts non perishable food donations from the community.

BeKind Ireland

- Set up to alleviate poverty in India, with a particular focus on Kolkata. Their projects provide street children with food, shelter, clothing, and education.
 - India – Kolkata
 - #20067960 - Charity is registered as compliant with the Charities Regulator
 - 2024 Income €102,018 and Expenditure €84,998
 - Funding from Central Government / Local Authorities amounted to €14,999
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Every Step Counts

- Irish Life sponsored event promoted through the GAA.
- A corporate sponsored community initiative.
- Not a charity.



Saint Francis Hospice

- Hospice care and bereavement support services.
- Located in Raheny, Dublin 5 and Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 (located on the Connolly Hospital Campus).
- #20027193 - Charity is registered as compliant with the Charities Regulator
- 2024 Income €40,060,515 and Expenditure €26,128,921
- Funding from Central Government/ Local Authorities €32,909,417

Vote on Charity



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THANK YOU PARENTS

Next Meeting Tuesday 3rd February @ 7:30pm

