



Parent News



Newsletter of Coolmine Community School Parents' Association

November 2017

AGM 13th
Nov @
7.30pm

AGM of the Parents' Association

As a parent/guardian of a student attending Coolmine Community School you are automatically a member of the Parents Association (PA). The purpose and aims of the PA are to:

- facilitate and encourage the participation by parents in the life of the school
- safeguard the rights and the legitimate aspirations and interests of parents and students.
- foster and promote an awareness and knowledge of education and of other issues related to students among the parents.
- organise the collective support of the parents for the activities of the school and to support and provide assistance to the staff of the school.
- promote the development of the school as a focus of educational, social and cultural activity within the community.

Each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) a summary of achievements of the PA is presented to all in attendance. At the AGM a call to all parents is made seeking new members to join the PA Executive Committee. The PA Executive Committee is the representative group drawn from the parent body who execute the purpose and aims of the PA. As the school is so vibrant and ambitious there's always something to be done. So no matter what you can contribute there'll undoubtedly be a place for you on the Coolmine Community School's PA.

This years AGM takes place in the school library @7.30pm on Monday 13th November. All parents/guardians are welcome. Why not come along and share a cup of tea and a slice of cake with fellow parents/guardians. We hope to see you on the night!



Some of the members of the Coolmine Community School Parents Association 2016/2017

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€50
Voucher
Draw*

*One €50 voucher drawn at random for those in attendance on the night

The Work of the Parents' Association

The affairs of the Parents' Association are administered by an Executive Committee drawn from the members of the Association. A list of current members of the Parents Association is below. The Executive Committee meets monthly from September to June during which a number of topics that the PA are responsible for are discussed and progressed. The PA has taken a lead role in the following aspects of school life:

- Book Rental Scheme
- PA Finance
- Debs
- PACCS
- Parent Support
- Talks for Parents
- Uniform
- Parents' Communications

Due to the workload involved in delivering all of the above a number of sub-committees have been established. If you would like to join the PA in a supporting role of one or more sub-committees, please let us know at the upcoming AGM or by any other method of communication listed below.

In addition to these tasks two members of the PA are elected as Parents' Nominees to the School Board of Management where they serve for a period of three years.

Current Parents' Association

- Ray Byrne (Chair)
- Heather McCormack (Vice Chair)
- Catherine Dunne & Mary Jennings (Secretary)
- Evelyn LeNoach (Treasurer)
- Claire McCabe
- Jennifer McGarry
- Karen Curtis
- Eileen Evans
- Ancelm Hanney
- Orla McCormack
- Linda Osborne
- Dermot O'Mara
- Marisa Sansovini
- Dermot Kinane

Parents' Association Website

<http://www.coolminecs.ie/about-us/parents-page/>

Stay tuned for updates

Call/text the PA on

086 2216290

or email

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Talks for Parents

In the past, the Parents' Association has organised a number of topical talks to assist parents/guardians in their understanding of issues such as bullying and substance abuse.

This year the PA will continue this initiative by hosting Jigsaw Dublin 15. Jigsaw Dublin 15 is part of a national network of Jigsaw Services supported by Jigsaw - The National Centre for Youth Mental Health. Jigsaw Dublin 15 aims to provide a tailored community-based support for young people's mental health needs. They first opened their doors in May 2013 and since then they have directly/indirectly supported almost 2,000 young people. Their team is made up of professionals with experience in the mental health, youth & community and healthcare sectors.

We are delighted to announce that Jigsaw Dublin 15 will address the parents/guardians at the Parents' Association AGM which is to be held on 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

All are welcome and the PA very much encourages our members to attend.

JIGSAW
DUBLIN 15
Young people's
health in mind

Book Rental Scheme

The Book Rental Scheme in Coolmine Community School (CCS) was started in 2011 and is in its 7th year. It is run by the Parents' Association on behalf of school management and it is a compulsory scheme; all 1st year students sign up to the scheme. The book rental scheme covers school books required for the Junior Certificate cycle only at present.

In 2010, the PA Executive Committee negotiated a significant discount with the book publishers who now continue as our current supplier.

At this point over 1,470 students have gone through or are currently engaged in the system. Over 30,000 books and workbooks have been labelled, covered and distributed to date (excluding exam papers) with significant savings each year which are passed on to parents/guardians.

Currently, it costs €350 for the supply of textbooks and workbooks for the 3 years of the Junior Certificate cycle which is a significant discount compared to purchasing the books individually. Parents register for the scheme on acceptance of their place in the school and can pay in total or in two instalments by a cut-off date.

Books are ordered in bulk and delivered over the summer months when space is free in the school for sorting ready for individual students. The books are then bagged and are ready for collection in August. Over the years the system has been tweaked and adjusted to make the system more streamlined such as the covering of the books and the addition of CCS unique identifier stickers/labels by the supplier at source. In 2012, Databiz Software System was purchased which records borrowings for each students' individual file via scanning of each book and can print a hardcopy of their individual book list. In addition it allows for 'lost' books to be identified via the unique barcode and thus returned to the correct student.

So impressed were other schools with the Coolmine Community School Book Rental Scheme that members of the Book Rental Scheme sub-committee have hosted information sessions for aspiring schools.

As you can imagine the work involved in the successful delivery of the Book Rental Scheme is quite large. Therefore, if you feel that this is something you think you might like to get involved in, please let us know at the upcoming AGM or by any other means of communication. Your help is always welcomed to ensure the continuation of the scheme.

Jennifer McGarry

Member of the PA Executive Committee



School Uniform

The PA facilitate the hosting of the suppliers of the school uniform. Currently these are *Grants* (suppliers of the school uniform) and *KC Sports* (suppliers of the school tracksuit and school jacket).

All items are available for purchase directly from the school on certain days during the year and year-round from each of the vendors at their premises.



PACCS

Parents Association of Community & Comprehensive Schools (PACCS) represents parents/guardians of students in 95 Community and Comprehensive Schools. The Association at local level is made up of representatives from areas feeding into the local school. There is a regional structure comprising of seven regions. Each school nominates two parents to attend Regional Meetings. At regional level a committee is appointed to carry out the duties. Members of the Coolmine Community School Parents Association attend meetings held by PACCS from time to time where relevant information is garnered and communicated at our regular monthly meetings.



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& Comprehensive Schools

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Debutantes Ball

Congratulations to all our students who attended the 2017 Debutantes Ball. The event took place on August 26th at the *Red Cow (Moran) Hotel* and was organised by members of the PA Debs sub-committee and the designated class reps.

A great night was had by all and there was no disappointment in the style stakes either; where there was plenty of glitz and glamour on show from both the boys and the girls.

We would like to thank the *Red Cow* and all their staff for making the event a very memorable night for our students. The students were a credit to our school and we are very proud of them all and wish them well in their future endeavours.

We would like to thank our teaching staff and members of the PA, some of whom were in attendance and who contributed to making the event a very successful night indeed.

We look forward to planning another momentous night for September 2018.

Linda Osborne

Member of the PA Executive Committee

