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### **A thuistí, recent update**

A staff meeting took place in the school on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February between 3.00-4.30pm. The meeting was called to discuss the timeframe at which to proceed with the preferred opening time requested by parents of late.

**Meeting Attended by:** School Manager, Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal, Teachers, SNA and Chairperson of the Parent's association.

### **Extended Invite**

Príomhoide Máire De Brún invited the newly appointed chairperson of Coiste na dTuistí/ Parents Association to attend our staff meeting.

The concerns and request of teaching staff and school SNA Team were relayed to the PA chairperson in view of his reporting same to the new P.A Committee at their meeting next week.

As teaching staff were unaware of the organised vote or request for change in opening times, a request has been made to the Parent's Association through the chairperson from the teaching staff/SNA staff of Scoil Bhríde.

### **Request Made:**

Preferred change to opening times in September to enable the following:

- To allow our 45 families who were not in favour of change to rearrange their working schedules and childcare schedules to arrive in school for 8:40am/8:50am
- To inform our new junior infant families of the change in advertised times.
- To inform the wider Menlo community, Traffic Management Group and Residents Association of which Scoil Bhríde has worked closely with over the years and in particular since the new build of a large school in the local community.
- To inform and rearrange your before school service, which was put in place after requests from parents.
- To rearrange our after-school service.
- To inform our families who avail of our bus service and to enquire in regards to the extra children wanting to avail of the bus service.
- To consult with your Bóin Dé staff.

- A number of staff can rearrange their schedules to avoid taking unpaid leave from Easter until June 30<sup>th</sup> and avoid availing of substitute staff in the interim.

The loss of excellent teaching staff is a huge concern and new initiatives incorporated in our structured teaching and learning will have to be rearranged with substitute teachers.

The involvement of all of the above would bring with it a whole school involvement in the preferred change to school opening times.

Our school manager has informed us that with the approval of the Parents Committee he is open for the time change to be implemented after Easter or in the new term in September 2019.

**New PA Committee will meet next week to decide on your behalf. The new members are listed on our website. Your thoughts and views are welcomed in all school matters.**

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#### **Future Request to your P.A. from the teaching/SNA staff of Scoil Bhríde**

That teaching staff, SNA team and extended staff are **included** in future votes carried out by parents, in particular voting where a change to working conditions apply and which impact the well-being of your child's teacher.

**Present Request:** The staff of Scoil Bhríde requested that the P.A. would consider changing their title to Cairde Scoil Bhríde (Friends of Scoil Bhríde). Other suggestions are also welcomed by staff, our children & the school community. These suggestions can be placed in the Suggestion Box outside the main office.

**Scéal Iontach/ Good News Story:** Thank you for supporting our immersion teaching method. We have healthy numbers in our Naí Bheaga this September. We expect the Department of Education to release the staffing circular in the next couple of weeks. This will determine our allocated teachers for September 2019.

Le meas, Teaching & extended staff of Scoil Bhríde, Mionloch.