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Scoil

Oilibhéir

Príomhoide: Antón Ó Cléirigh

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A Dhaoine Uaisle,

Thar cheann an Bhoird Bainistíochta anseo i Scoil Oilibhéir, ba mhaith liom sibh a uasdátú maidir leis an tionscnamh forbartha atá á thosú faoi láthair. Tar éis an chomhairliúcháin phoiblí a rinne an Bord Bainistíochta cúpla bliain ó shin, ba léir gur mhór an dúshlán don scoil é freastal ar an éileamh láidir leanúnach ar an nGaelscolaíocht i mBaile Átha Cliath 15. Faraor, tá aithne againn ar fad ar dhaoine a raibh díomá an domhain orthu nach bhfuair siad áit dá bpáistí i Scoil Oilibhéir. Tuigimid ar fad go gcaithfimid na deiseanna seo a sholáthar má táimid ag súil leis go dtiocfaidh fás ar phobal na Gaeilge. Chinn an Bord Bainistíochta ag an am gurbh é an bealach is fearr an dúshlán sin a shárú ná an scoil a fhás ina scoil dhá-shrutha. Le dhá rang ag gach rangleibhéal. Ar an mbealach seo, beidh Scoil Oilibhéir in ann freastal ar an éileamh láidir leanúnach seo agus tríd seo, pobal na Gaeilge a fhás agus a dhaingniú i mBaile Atha Cliath 15. Mar is eol duit, fuaireamar faomhadh ón Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna d'fhás na scoile trí 8 seomra ranga nua a thógáil. Mar is gnách le haon fhoirgneamh nua atá faofa na laethanta seo, tá an t-ádh linn go bhfuil dhá Aonad do Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais mar chuid den tionscnamh seo. Táimid an-sásta go mbeimid in ann cur leis an gcuimsiú oideachasúil atá ar bun againn anseo.

Nuir a fuarthas an faomhadh seo, chuaigh an scoil i mbun próiseas poiblí soláthair chun Foireann Deartha ghairmiúil a cheapadh a dhéanfadh an áis nua seo a dhearadh agus a thógáil. Mar chuid den phróiseas seo, rinneadh measúnú ar thairiscintí ó ailtirí éagsúla agus cinneadh an comhlacht ailtireachta *Oppermann Associates* a cheapadh chun an fhoireann a threorú.

Agus an Fhoireann Deartha á ceapadh ag an mBord Bainistíochta, theastaigh ón mBord é a chinntíú go gcuirfí suíomh agus atmaisféar speisialta Scoil Oilibhéir san áireamh, go háirithe maidir leis na crainn fhásta iontacha, na hainmhithe agus na píosaí féir. Theastaigh go mór uainn freisin go ndéanfaí máistirphlean forbartha do shuíomh iomlán na scoile, le cinntíú go ndéanfaí an suíomh a chaomhnú, a chothabháil agus a fheabhsú amach anseo.

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Tá an Bord Bainistíochta sásta gur lón *Oppermann Associates* na riachtanais a bhí againn, agus níos mó leis, sa togra deartha agus gur léirigh siad tuiscint iontach ar an rud sin a dhéanann Scoil Oilibhéir, idir bhaill na fóirne, dhaltaí agus phobal uilig na scoile, an-speisialta. Ciallaíonn sé seo, cé go gcuirfidh tógál an fhoirgnimh nua isteach ar ghnáth-imeachtaí na scoile, go bhfeicfear fiúntas an tionscnaimh amach anseo.

Tá teagmháil déanta le Comhairle Chontae Fhine Gall maidir le conas ceangal níos fearr a dhéanamh idir Scoil Oilibhéir agus Páirc na Mílaoise atá béal dorais linn agus faoin mbealach go bhféadfadh sé seo an cur isteach a bhainfeadh le trácht tógála le linn na tógála a laghdú, agus conas spás breise maireachtála a sholáthar don scoil amach anseo. Tá an comhrá seo ag dul ar aghaidh an t-am ar fad.

Tá sé go hiontach gur féidir linn tuairisciú gur tharla an chéad chruinniú den Fhoireann Deartha go luath an mhí seo, mí Eanáir 2021, agus déanfar suirbhéireacht mhionsonraithe ar an suíomh i gcaitheamh na míonna seo atá romhainn agus na dearaí á gcruthú agus á dtabhairt chun críche. Ag deireadh na hoibre seo, beidh cruinniú ag an mBord Bainistíochta leis an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna chun an pleán a dhaingniú le go rachaimid ar aghaidh go tréimhse na pleánála. Beidh tuairisc chun dáta á soláthar ag an mBord Bainistíochta tríd na tréimhsí éagsúla sa tionscnámh trí leathanach ar leith ar an suíomh a bheidh le fáil ag <http://www.gaelscoiloilibheir.ie/tionscnaimh-bhonneagair--infrastructure-projects.html>. Ar ndóigh, bíonn moill agus deacrachartaí uaireanta le tionscnaimh den saghas seo, ach táthar ag súil leis go mbeidh na páistí ina suí inár bhfoirgneamh nua iontach faoi dheireadh Feabhra 2023.

Mar is eol daoibh, tá iarratas pleánála ann faoi láthair atá á mheas ag Comhairle Chontae Fhine Gall do chur isteach dhá sheomra ranga shealadacha. Tá sonraí na hoibre seo le feiceáil ag <https://planning.agileapplications.ie/fingal/application-details/87925>. Is seomraí ranga sealadacha iad seo agus tóigfar amach iad chomh luath is atá an síneadh foirgnimh curtha i gcrích.

Tá faomhadh faigte ag an scoil freisin chun córas teasa nua-aimseartha a chur in áit an tseanchórás ola atá as dáta anois. Beidh an córas nua níos saoire ó thaobh costais de agus i bhfad níos fearr don timpeallacht freisin. Tá sonraí na hoibre seo le plé leis an bhFoireann Deartha. Tá sé i gceist ag an mBord Bainistíochta go ndéanfar an obair seo in 2021.

Is am iontach é seo do Scoil Oilibhéir agus do phobal na Gaeilge i mBaile Átha Cliath 15. Ná bíodh aon imní oraibh ach go bhfuil an Bord Bainistíochta ag obair go dian ar na tionscnaimh seo agus go gcinnteoidh an Bord go bhfeicfear fíos na scoile san obair seo.

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On behalf of the Board of Management of Scoil Oilibhéir, I would like to update you with regard to the development project currently commenced. After the the public consultation the Board of Management conducted in 2016/2017, it was clear that there were huge challenges facing the school in serving the strong, enduring demand for a Gaelscoil education in Dublin 15. Unfortunately, we all know people who were bitterly disappointed not to be able to get a place for their child in Scoil Oilibhéir. We all understand that we have to provide these opportunities if we are to see a growth in the Irish speaking community. The Board of Management decided that the best way to overcome this challenge was to grow the school into a two-stream school, with 2 classes at each class level. In this way, Scoil Oilibhéir will be better able to serve that strong enduring demand for places, and in so doing, enhance and strengthen the Irish speaking community in Dublin 15. As you are aware, we received sanction from the Department of Education for the expansion of the school through the construction of 8 new classrooms. As is the case with almost all new buildings sanctioned, we are fortunate that two Special Educational Needs Units are part of this project also. We are very happy to be able to enhance the educational inclusion already underway here.

Once the sanction had been received, the school entered a public procurement process to engage a professional Design Team to design and construct the new facility. As part of this process, a number of proposals from various architects were assessed and a decision was made to appoint the architectural firm Oppermann Associates to head the team.

In choosing the design team the Board of Management was keen to ensure that the unique location and atmosphere of Scoil Oilibhéir was taken into account, particularly in relation to the wonderful mature trees, animals and grass areas. We were determined also to make sure that the design team would “masterplan” the entire school site, thus ensuring that we conserve, maintain and improve the school into the future.

The Board of Management is satisfied that Oppermann Associates met and exceeded our requirements in their design proposal, and thus displayed a real understanding of what it is makes Scoil Oilibhéir, its staff, pupils, and wider family, so special. This means that although the construction of a new building will cause some disruption to the day-to-day operation of the school, it will be worth it in the longer term.

Contact has also been made with Fingal County Council with regard to how Scoil Oilibhéir and Páirc na Mílaoise next door could be more connected, and how this would minimise the disruption caused by construction traffic during the construction phase, and how to provide more breathing space for the school into the future. These discussions are ongoing.

It is great to report that the first meeting of the Design Team took place in early January 2021, and detailed surveys of the site will be undertaken over the next couple of months as the designs are formulated and finalised. This will culminate in a meeting with the Department of Education and Skills with a view to ratifying the design and moving to the planning stage. The Board of Management will provide updates through all phases of the project through a special page which will be set up on the Scoil Oilibhéir website, <http://www.gaelscoiloilibheir.ie/tionscnaimh-bhonneagair-infrastructure-projects.html>. Of course, although there can be delays and complications in these type of projects, it is hoped that the project will be finished, with children sitting in our amazing new building by the end of February 2023

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There is also a Planning Application being assessed by Fingal County Council at the moment for the installation of two temporary classrooms, the details of this can be viewed at <https://planning.agileapplications.ie/fingal/application-details/87925>. These temporary classrooms are exactly that and will be removed once the extension has been completed.

The school has also received approval to replace our antiquated oil heating system with a new modern heating system. The new system will be cheaper to run and much better for the environment also. We are discussing the details of how this will take place with the Design Team. It is our intention to have this work carried out also in 2021.

This is an exciting time for Scoil Oilibhéir and for the Irish Language in Dublin 15. Please be assured that the Board of Management are working hard on the project and will ensure that it reflects the vision for the school.

Nurturing and enriching every child, through the medium of Irish, to achieve their potential.

Míle buiochas,

Ruairí Ó Dúlaing

Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Bhainistíochta

Chairperson of the Board of Management