



Cardinal Newman High School Parental Voice Group Meeting 11th September 2023

Attendees

8 Parent/Carers members and 3 Staff (HT Mr Smith, Mr Brown and Mrs McGhee)

Welcome

Meeting began with prayer. Mrs McGhee thanked for her service and given gift on behalf of Parent body. Mr Brown will join Mr Smith as staff representatives

Office bearers

Chair person standing down and no replacement appointed at this meeting. Parent body will be canvassed to identify a replacement. Other roles voted on and agreed.

Issues raised by PC

Discussion took place around school uniform and, in particular, the need to emphasise the need for modesty in the way some girls wear uniform. The possibility of introducing a pleated skirt will be investigated in response to a request from pupils.

Vaping still an issue particularly in S3/4 and in toilets. School will continue to work with partners including the police on education and tackling provision of vapes to young people.

SQA- Initial Performance Information

Discussion took place around performance in SQA exams. Key points

S4 Pupils obtaining 5+ National 5 passes	40.5% (up from 36.9% last year)
S5 Pupils obtaining 3+ Higher passes	33.6% (up from 31.4% last year)
S5 Pupils obtaining 5+ Higher passes	14.8% (same figure as last year)
S6 Leavers with 5+ Higher passes	28.2% (up from 24.1% last year)

Awards Ceremony

School awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday 19th September and PV members are invited and welcome to attend.

School roll/Next session

School roll is projected to fall slightly next session. May have effect on school resources and curricular provision.

School Improvement plan

Mr Smith spoke about various targets for next session to this but to summarise/highlight targets not already covered:

Cluster working-

Extensive programme of work agreed to take place over this session

Developing the curriculum-

Music Tech introduced in BGE

All pupils given opportunity to attain National 5 in S4 via “core” PE programme

Applications of Maths course available in S4 either as an alternative to or in addition to National 5 Maths

Improved Tracking-

Number of tracks completed by staff increased. This will give earlier and more up to date information to guide support prior to SQA exams

Developing Faith/House Identity

Faith programme extended including recent conference on House identity at Conforti centre in Coatbridge. Charter for Catholic Schools Leadership programme being followed

General updates from Mr Smith

School received £110,000 from PEF fund spent on staff to help “close the gap”.

Future Fridays Programme- Mr McAteer has been appointed Principal Teacher with a remit specifically to oversee an effective FF programme.

CNHS Merit system/Rewards Scheme

Mr Smith indicated that this is going really well and pupils appears accepting of the systems and know what is required by way of behaviour, attendance and endeavour if they are to benefit from these.

Fundraising/School Minibus

Committee set up to raise funds to acquire a school mini-bus. Member of PV has already raised over £2000. Mr Smith mooted that the PV could perhaps consider some fundraising also.

AOCB

Jon McLeish updated meeting on proposed work at Bellziehill junction. Start date for work will be around April 2024

Date of Next meeting

Monday 30th October 6.30PM