



## Cardinal Newman High School Parental Voice Group Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Attendees

#### **Parent Voice Members**

6 Parents (full details held if required)

Mr Brown

Mr Smith - Head Teacher

Staff- Mr McLaughlin

Staff- Mr McGrory

### Apologies

2 Parent Voice members (details held if required)

### Welcome and prayers

Chairperson for the night Elizabeth Hoey welcomed everyone and prayers were said

### St Patricks Race Night arrangements

Date of event -March 8th Holy Family Hall-7pm start

Various practicalities were discussed at length about arrangements for the evening and staff and Parent Voice members took ownership of various aspects to be followed up as a priority- including tickets sales, and brochure printing.

Event Meeting purely for Race night to be held February 26th at 6.30pm to iron out any last minute issues

### School fabric Update

Mr Smith updated that he felt there had been a positive response to the recent visit of the local elected members to see the state of some parts of the school.

He indicated that issues were still prevalent- including recent issues with trying to heat the school due to breakdowns in some parts of it (and had to finance hire of heaters at a further cost to school), but that appeared to be a firm resolve from the local authority to address some of the issues.

Some roof work has been undertaken, but a much bigger piece of work is required which will require finance to be allocated to the school. A meeting is due soon to allocate council budget etc and we will hopefully learn in due course.

there is some work also ongoing in the school at present to remove algae from some of the windows and there is also some weatherproofing being done externally , as water getting into the school wasnt just from the roof.

Mr Smith indicated he had some positive support from some of th reelected members and that he felt encouraged by it, but the priority was the roof and he awaited an update on this.

The toilets also still require upgrade/repair and likely this wil also be a later decision based on allocation of funds.

### Road safety Update

No change from last meeting attended on 9th December where there was a an indication that Alison Gordon would invite a representative from NLC roads to provide a more concise update at the next Community Boards meeting on Thursday 7th march

### Parent Voice Event May 2024 -update

Mr Smith indicated that he has decided to ask parent st the 'Programme of Study' event on the 20th of February, what topics parents would like to be discussed /presented upon at the proposed event in May (date tbc) and he/Parent Voice will form an agenda for the evening based on this.

### AOCB

Dates have been re-scheduled for next 2 meetings- Next official meeting of Parent Voice is 29th April 6.30pm and the final one will be June 10th.

**Date of next meeting**

29th April 2024

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance