

Cardinal Newman High School Parental Voice Group Meeting 29 April 2024

Attendees

Parent Voice Members

7 Parents (full details held if required)

Mr Brown

Mr Smith – Head Teacher

Apologies

2 Parent Voice members (details held if required)

Welcome and prayers.

Mr Smith welcomed everyone and prayers said.

Mr Smith thanked outgoing PV Members Lena Waring, Stephen Walsh, and Louise Healy for their many years of service to the school and Parent Voice group.

School Improvement planning

HMI visited school on an information gathering visit. They seemed happy overall.

AABOUT programme will continue next year.

There will be minor changes to timetable options next year.

Every pupil will be enrolled on PE as SQA subject.

Mr Smith will provide an update around staffing next term but overall satisfied with staffing as it stands.

Merit and rewards system will continue as it is working well and most Pupils are wearing uniform.

Mr Smith spent some time with HMI discussing the school values and visions and they appeared pleased at the direction School was taking.

Several children attending Conforti institute over next few weeks relative to work around rights respecting school and the visions and values

School fabric

Local authority still engaging with school over various matters relative to the building and its facilities. Mr Smith hopeful of finance becoming available with the roof and toilets being the main priority. .

School Minibus update

Total raised now stands at £6500. Mr Smith will review the idea of a Lease agreement, given obtaining sufficient funds to buy outright could take a considerable time.

The Parent Voice race night raised around £2800 of that total and Mr Smith was very pleased with how it went and thanks all staff and parents for their support.

Summer Term 2024

Various details of dates for events were provided to the group, which Mr Smith will send to parents this week.

Mr Brown announced it would be his last meeting as co-opted PV staff member as he will be retiring at end of this term. The group thanked him for his service to the school and the PV.

Parent Voice dates for 2024/25

Mr Smith will provide details for dates from next term.

AOCB

Road safety update previously provided to members but to detail:

PV member attended a meeting on 7 March where a details report and explanation of where NLC are with the matter was provided to the Community Board Meeting attended by NLC elected members and representatives,

It became clear that still no reply of note had been provided by Transport Scotland as their situation and it was raised as an issue by PV members. Additionally, still no confirmation of funding for project and provisional dates for starting work had been set aside by NLC of May 2024–Aug 2024.

PV then wrote to Cllr Barry McCluskey and Stephanie Callaghan (MSP) to request assistance, as well as Cllr McNally and Loughran (for balance politically). A reply was received from Stephanie Callaghan's office which indicated that they had written to the Chief officer of education, Children and families at NLC (received 13 March by PV member) A reply that the MSP office received to that letter was forwarded to PV which essentially indicated they were unable to confirm the likely delivery timescale for the project.

MSP Callaghan's office then indicated they would write to NLC again in 8 weeks (from 4th April) and write to Transport Scotland for their perspective. The office also indicated to PV that they would seek assurances that the introduction of the statutory walking distance (3 miles each way) would not be introduced for any child using this interchange as a means of walking to school before the matter was resolved.

Updates re above are awaited within the given timescales by PV from MSP's office in 4 weeks' time approx.

PV recruitment- one new parent attended meeting today, but Mr Smith will undertake to contact primary schools to try and have parents/carers already established on primary school PCs to consider joining CNHS. Likewise, he will petition parents/carers at any events in school to consider joining.

Staffing- Question was asked by a parent if staffing across all depts would be maintained in coming year, including SMT positions and Mr Smith indicated he would keep PV updated when he knew more definitively.

Date of next meeting

Informal meeting at 6pm before School show which PV members invited to attend 10th June 2024

Mr Smith thanked everyone for their attendance.