



Minutes of CNHS Parent Voice AGM

6.30pm 09/09/2024- at CNHS

Attendees-School staff- Mr Smith, Mrs McDade(New appointed staff member of Parent Voice), Mr McGrory

Parents/Carers- 7 in attendance (names available from secretary), Apologies- 1 parent/carer

Prayers-Mr Smith led prayers

Welcome- Mr Smith welcomed everyone , including 2 new members attending for the first time

Election of Office Bearers:

Chair post had been vacant.

Chair: Elizabeth Hoey was proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by Jon McLeish- No opposition

Secretary- Jon McLeish already in post- self-nominated to continue and seconded by Elizabeth Cunningham- No opposition

Treasurer- Not a position held in recent times. Elizabeth Cunningham Proposed for Post by Mr Smith and seconded by Jon McLeish- No opposition

Office bearers then took up posts

Mr Smith encouraged everyone to try and recruit other parents/carers to attend as all 3 office bearers will vacate their roles at end of school year as their children will leave school then.

Dates for coming year

Meeting dates for rest of term proposed and agreed- 09/12/2024, 03/02/2025, 31/03/2025 and 16/06/2025- but can be flexible to add another date if required.

All will be 6.30pm starts

SQA initial performance information

Mr Smith shared details of the pre appeal SQA results for the school . He reported being disappointed that the results regarding the National 5 and higher marks across the 3 years were not as high as he'd hoped and hadn't reached many of the targets the school had set for itself.

He will continue to review the results with PT's and go over each result faculty by faculty but the school will aspire to try and reach the targets set for themselves last year (rather than the final results).

Mr Smith also outlined various non SQA Highers that the pupils have obtained (not captured on the SQA) and provided examples of numerous subjects and qualifications obtained and apprenticeships obtained.

Awards

The School awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday 17 September 2024

School roll

830 pupils declared for the school and updated the intake for first year and likely first year intake for next year. He is satisfied that he has sufficient staffing to match the demand.

School Improvement Plan

Mr Smith outlined various elements of this including the School Vision and values- where Mrs Barr will be looking to engage with PV on this going forward.

49 pupils are undertaking additional qualifications in Snapdragon.

18 children are doing HNCs

Mr Smith and the staff will continue to try and find the right way of ensuring any pupil undertaking a qualification is able to achieve some level which can be evidenced and credited to them, to assist with future employment or educational applications

Mr Smith outlined plans to try and ensure from 1st year onwards that pupils are guided towards the right subjects for them, at the right level with the right teacher in order to assist their success later in their school life.

He talked about 'Banking' awards, i.e. if a child is ready to achieve a qualification, then they shouldn't be made to wait another year to complete it and so if for example, a national 4 qualification could be obtained earlier , then this should be taken and allow the pupil to continue to work towards national 5 etc.

The AABOUT programme continues successfully with a particular focus on attendance, which has so far continued to stay above 90 percent as a school, but already some downwards trends are being seen. Staff continue to use the rewards scheme as motivation and reward badges have proved very popular

Rewards trips/events continue to be offered to children who have met the set criteria, with some pupils failing to reach it. This often leads to disappointment for pupils who miss out and their parents but in general its accepted.

School Minibus

Mr Smith is awaiting a face to face meeting with NLC to discuss the minibus to ensure all risks and insurances are covered and that qualified and permitted drivers can drive it.

School fund and fundraising

The PV has fundraised several thousand pounds towards minibus(along with some other monies £4275 total), which is now no longer required for this purpose due to the generous donation of Arnold Clark and Mr Smith outlined that due to a shortage of cash in the school funds currently, he would like to ask permission from the PV if that money could now go into the general fund to supplement the year to come to subsidise many of the things that the school need to consider to continue to maintain or purchase (some examples were provided) and the PV were happy to hand that money over to the school fund for Mr Smith to use as he sees fit, in best interests of the children.

Mr Smith asked if PV were considering any fundraising in the coming year and it was agreed that a provisional date of 28 March would be considered for an Irish Themed Race Night on Friday 28th March 2025- possibly in the Holy Family hall again.

A race night MC would be considered (Mr McGrory could suggest names if required) and also Mr McLaughlin would be asked if he could provide music/entertainment. This would be further discussed at next meeting. Sharon Boyle would check hall availability.

A parent raised possibility of grant through NLC to help with costs for this event , but that a bank account may be required. Elizabeth Cunningham will look into this being possible.

AOCB

A parent raised the issue of no update re the roof repairs and toilet upgrades that were previously discussed and nothing had been reported back by HT.

Mr Smith indicated that he had had no formal update about works or timescales for any work starting. The PV group generally found this an unsatisfactory position and an action raised for the secretary Jon McLeish to write to NLC for an update about planned works and timescales.

Jon McLeish Provided a further update under the road safety banner relative to the Bellshill Junction and the continuing situation relative to proposed changes to it- to improve the safety of pupils using it. At a recent meeting on 05/09/2024 he was advised that the council roads dept may be doing some work on the footpaths, that wouldn't require the agreement of Transport Scotland, but that nothing had yet been fully agreed with Transport Scotland about the signalisation part. The hope is still that everything will be in place for May 2025 with works hopefully beginning then re the signalisation etc.

Date of next meeting 9 December 2024 at 6.30pm

