

CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT VOICE MEETING MINUTES

2018 / 2019 Meeting #1



	Date	27/08/18
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Attendees:

Kenny Ross (HT)
Helen McGhee (DHT)
Lynda Martin (Chair)
Elaine McDade (Minutes)
Parent S4
Parent S1
Parent S5
Parent S5
Parent S3
Parent S2
Parent S5
Parent S4

Apologies:

Jon McLeish (Vice-Chair)

Welcome

- Welcome and prayers led by Chair
- Minutes of last meeting (14/05/18) reviewed and accepted

Correspondence

- Training information on Criterion Led Selection provided by NLC. Currently have 3 members of PV trained in this. HMcG and one parent will aim to attend the next course, whilst chair will aim for March'19 event

HT Report

- SQA
KR provided an overview of exam result raw data to the group. This was not the final set of results, as it didn't contain information on results from those pupils from other schools, amongst other items. In summary, the results out of S6 were the best the school has ever seen and significantly higher than that of comparable schools in the same catchment area. There was a slight dip in the performance of S5 higher achievement, in reality and when compared to other similar schools, however this was down to more pupils taking the subject over 2 years, rather than 1.

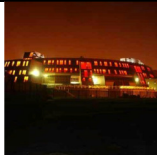
The real measuring point is the performance of pupils at their "point of exit". The school is 3rd best in the authority for a "positive sustained destination".

The school was also doing a good job in terms of closing the attainment gap between pupils from SIMD1/2 and those from SIMD 7/8 (SIMD: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation)

KR expressed positivity for an improvement in performance in future years, based on the current focus on attendance, late-coming and P7 engagement

It was agreed that in a future meeting, when the results were formalised, they would be broken down by subject and any improvement plans discussed.

- Refurbishment Progress
The difficulties managing the refurbishment were discussed. KR expressed gratitude to the team of janitors who had helped with a massive clean-up exercise to ensure the school was fit to open for the new school year.



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There is still a rolling programme for classes to be provided to the contractors to continue the re-wiring work.

KR thanked the teaching body for their continued flexibility during this time.

One parent asked for comment on the condition of the music department. This department has now been moved to the ground floor and an additional teacher has been appointed to support teaching in the department.

- Willowbank School
Pupils from Willowbank school (36 pupils) have been provided with a downstairs area of the school to utilise whilst their building (in Coatbridge) undergoes refurbishment. This is estimated to last for ~ 12 weeks. Currently there have been no concerns raised, with the pupils maintaining a separation from CNHS pupils.

One parent commented that the pupils seem to have been protected from this, as no children had been aware of it.

- IT upgrade
The purchase of 22 new interactive TV screens has been completed. These will be installed in Maths, Science, Business and English departments by the end of September. This will ensure pupils have a more effective interaction with school work and homework, either via their own mobile devices, or those provided by the school for pupils who don't own their own items.

One parent asked is the "MyHomework" app was in operation. It should be fully implemented by the end of October.

PEF Update

- Not discussed at this meeting.

Transport Update / Road Safety

- A written update had been prepared by vice-chair. No progress until a footfall survey is completed in October. The exact date of this event is awaited

Parent Council – Way Forward

- Twitter account is now in place – currently with 54 followers! In addition, there is now space on the school website for PV information. It was agreed that a summarised version of the PV meeting minutes would be added to the website. The aim would be to get these approved in good time, rather than waiting for future meetings.

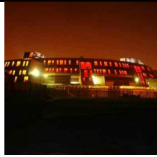
Chair has prepared a presentation pack for any school events that can be rolled out by any member of the PV. HMcG will provide Chair with an updated calendar.

Improvement Plan

- Not discussed at this meeting.

Quiz Night

- Date now confirmed as Friday 23rd November 2018. Tickets from last event can be used and sold at all upcoming school events. The group confirmed that the same format should be used as the last quiz.



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Everyone was asked to seek out raffle prizes and the event was to be added to the school website and promoted using the twitter accounts. Any money raised will go to school funds, as previous aim to finance oratory is no longer required.

AOCB

- KR asked to include adverts for vacant posts onto the PV twitter account and website
- EM asked if any progress had been made in lunch options at the school. This is still at the planning stage and will progress when the re-wiring project is complete.

Next Meeting(s)

- 22nd October 2018