
	CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL PARENT VOICE MEETING MINUTES 2019 / 2020 Meeting #1	
Date	02/09/19	

Welcome

- Welcome and prayers led by Chair
- Minutes of last meeting (#4, 14/01/19) had been reviewed and accepted electronically (proposed by E. McDade and seconded by J. McLeish)

Correspondence

- Road safety
 - Various emails via Chair and councillors led to a letter from NLC (dated 01/09/19). A preferred option for resolution of our concerns has been identified. However, council are now awaiting a response from Transport Scotland. It was noted that the school continue to discourage pupils from crossing this road and Bellziehill Farm during lunch;
 - Correspondence from Transport Scotland (dated 10/009/19) appeared on a Facebook post of a prospective local councillor. This appeared to indicate that Transport Scotland had no plans to undertake any work on the slip roads at the Bellziehill junction. As a result, Chair has emailed NLC Environmental Assets department requesting clarity on whether this declaration has been based on a review of the NLC report or not.
- Criterion-led Selection
 - Next training session to be held of 10/09/19. We currently have 6 trained members of Parent Voice, so no further participation was deemed necessary;
- Updated insurance policy has been shared by NLC. To be displayed at all PV events;
- CNHS Senior prize giving invitations have been received for 24/09/19

HT Report (provided by C. Lees (Acting HT, in absence of K. Ross))

- SQA Results
 - On overview of results was presented

Election of Office Bearers

- Current office bearers will be maintained:
 - Chair – Jon McLeish (proposed by Elaine McDade)
 - Vice-Chair – Stephen Walsh (proposed by Jon McLeish)
 - Secretary – Elaine McDade (proposed by Stephen Walsh)

Refurbishment

- Rewiring is currently ahead of schedule and a review of the social area design is underway, now that Willowbank school have returned to their own building

Parent Information Evening



- A request was made to alter upcoming S1/S2 parents evening to a Thursday evening, rather than a Tuesday. This was to accommodate part time teacher availability. No objections were raised for this change

Pupil Equity Fund

- The school has once again been allocated a substantial PEF award. A number of ideas have been put forward to make best use of these funds, e.g. free home economic cooking days for S1-S3, continuation of breakfast club & cook and eat club, PE t-shirts for S1-S3, additional promoted posts to facilitate implementation of ideas. These will be progressed on the return of HT.

Poverty Proofing

- As part of the National Parental Engagement forum, the school prepared a questionnaire for S1 pupils to get a feel for their views on how to engage whole families in school activities and also the effect of poverty on access to education.
- A handout was provided on the “Cost of the School Day”.

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- H. McGhee provided a presentation on the “Cost of the School Day”. In summary, the biggest areas highlighted were:
 - Uniform
 - Lunch
 - Trips
 - Learning Materials

A summary of some key support activities that the school is offering at present to mitigate school costs was described, e.g. free bottled water, reduced price for trips & capped costs for families for trips, promotion of free school entitlement clothing grants
- The next steps are to repeat the survey and engage with parents and staff on where extra money is required. In addition, the school will re-engage with local businesses to assess what support they can offer

Canonisation

36 pupils & staff will attend the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on 13th October 2019.

AOCB

- Chair asked about the rationale for S3 parents evening being on the 9th September, which is very early in the school term. In order to accommodate teacher availability, the parents evenings must be spread out.
- Parent6 asked if there was somewhere for the pupils to leave their winter jackets. The response was that most outerwear was left in the social area. There were very few instances of items being stolen or mislaid. Whilst the option of lockers has been assessed, the likelihood of cost and management made this a less viable option
- Parent3 asked if the purchase of school blazer badges was possible. These are available to purchase from the school reception for the cost of £5
- E. McDade asked if there had been any progress with the installation of Cardi Café. This has been delayed due to the on-going electrical works. The school will investigate next steps here
- The school will be supported by 2 new chaplains, following the departure of Fr Wilberforce. Fr Bogan (St Columbus) and Fr Denny (Cathedral)

Next Meeting(s)

- 21st October 2019 @ 7pm
- 13th January 2020 @ 7pm
- 9th March 2020 @ 7pm
- 18th May 2020 @ 7pm