

With Christ in our hearts together we grow.

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School

Minutes from Parent Rep. Meeting

24 January 2018



PARENT REP MEETING Minutes 24/1/18

Lisa Nash- Parent

Kelly Robinson- Parent

Julia Valek- Parent

Marcel Devereux Governor

Useful having Linda Shoard (Finance Business Manager) at meeting. Suggested that another member of the SLT to attend a meeting in the future?

Daily mile initiative sounds good.

Liaison from school about what is being taught has improved and a lot more info being received and parents very pleased. Working well.

Website- What they have been given is very good and timetable -Rock Stars. Looking forward to the launch of this new maths programme. Brilliant idea. Children very excited about this.

Q) Workshops- Can a little reminder be sent out about these if possible? Also a Power-point sent out after the workshops?

A) Yes, they are available on the website after each meeting. A reminder is sent via email.

Fundraising

Initial meetings have gone very well.

Action Point-Marcel to liaise with school business manager reference charity limits and any legal issues.

RE Curriculum

Q) Why is Islam being taught about if we are in a Catholic school? What other religions are being taught?

A) It is part of the "Come and See" programme that comes from the Northampton Diocese. It covers all the main faiths and it encompasses the importance of tolerance and awareness of others and their religions. If a child is from one of these religions they are asked to participate as well.

School results

Q) KS2 results, disappointment in improvements with Higher attainers especially boys, lower than other schools.

A) This has been acknowledged and is in the School Development Plan.

Q) Can we have figures and update on what progress has been made and plans?

Gender gap is bigger than other schools.

A) All data is on the website for parents to refer to. Combined results the school was **significantly above** the national average, however maths on its own was 71% versus the national average was 75%. The school is continually working on closing gaps. Closing the gaps is also on the School Development Plan.

Parent Questionnaires

Q) Parents evening questionnaires? Are they used?

A) Yes they are analysed and any trends taken to SLT and governors. If there are any individual specific concerns and the parent has put their name of the form, the school contacts them and invites them in to discuss it, but this option is rarely taken up by the parents.

Recruitment of Teachers

Q) What is the turnover rate of teachers?

A) The turnover of staff is quite high, this is not just an issue for our school, but also other local schools and nationally. The school has had on-going adverts for vacancies for a number of different year groups and have had not one application for it! They have to rely on supply teachers which are not the best option for the pupils, school or budget but there is no alternative.

Q) A teacher in year 5 left on the last day of term before Christmas and there was no notice to parents.

A) Parents were informed that this teacher was a supply teacher and as supply teachers do not have a contract with the school, they can give immediate notice not to carry on. On this occasion this is what happened. Parents were given as much notice as reasonably possible.

Mr Marcel Devereux

Associate Governor.