



Newman Parent Consultative Committee

16.01

Monday 16 May 2016
7.00pm, Marist Auditorium

Minutes

Opening & Prayer

Principal of Newman College, Mr Finneran Finneran, opened the meeting at 7.00pm with a prayer and reflection.

Attendance

College Personnel: Mr John Finneran (Principal), Mrs Jocelyn Hansen (Head of Primary), Mr Simon Kanakis (Head of Secondary), Mrs Lisa Fogliani (Deputy Teaching and Learning).

Parents: Nerreda Hillier, Lisa Mr Finneranson, Tara Adamini, Tracey Lewis, Alicia Mason, Claire Stannard, Gavan O'Connor, Melissa Baxter, Melissa Hills, Jenny Hart, Kim Watson, Narelle Pyne, Tina Iannantuoni, Mary Di Nardo, Pippa Hobson, Claire Burke

Welcome and Purpose of Meeting

Mr Finneran welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Newman Parent Consultative Committee (NPCC). He spoke about the purpose of the Committee and the vehicle it would serve to engage the community.

1. Leadership of the Group

Mr Finneran invited nominations from the floor for the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary. Following this process, the following positions were confirmed:

Miss Nerreda Hillier was appointed President
Mrs Narelle Pyne was appointed Vice President
Mrs Melissa Hills was appointed Secretary

Mr Finneran congratulated Miss Hillier, Mrs Pyne and Mrs Hills on behalf of the College Community.

2. Terms of Reference

Mr Finneran referred parents to the Terms of Reference which had been published on the College website earlier.

3. Newman Parents

Mr Finneran clarified that part of the responsibility of the NPCC is to work with the College Executive in determining topics for a parents' symposium, called Newman Parents. Topics to be covered will include, Faith, Learning, Wellbeing, Technology, Industry Partnership, Career Pathways etc.

Mr Finneran advised that the first of these Meetings would be a workshop format. The topic will be Vision for Learning and will be held on Monday 13 June, 7pm, in the Marist Auditorium.

4. Presentation by Members of the College Executive on Annual Improvement Plan Initiatives

Mr Finneran explained the key objectives of the Annual School Improvement Plan. He elaborated on the development of:

- A new Evangelisation Plan and that support had been sought through Catholic Education WA and Marist Schools Australia.
- A new Capital Development
- A review which has been commissioned to provide advice on:
 - Catholic Identify
 - Authentic Learning
 - School Improvement
 - Administration and Procedures
- Pre-Kindergarten – Year 6 Report
Mrs Hansen addressed Faith and Learning in the Primary School, the Sacramental Program and prayer assemblies. She also spoke about the development of a Student Wellbeing Program, Pre-Kindergarten – Year 12, which is part of the Annual School Improvement Plan.
- Years 7 – 12 Report
Mr Kanakis spoke of the most recent way in which the College had celebrated the Arts, by way of the College Production, *The Addams Family*. He advised that Secondary students were preparing for a range of exams that are scheduled for Term 2. He also spoke of the success of the new Homework Club and the fact that the hours had been increased as a result of impending exams. Simon addressed the Faith life of the Secondary School, including the planned Philippines Immersion Program scheduled for the end of the year for Year 11 students. He added that the winter sports program had commenced - NAS, Cross Country etc. Simon also reminded parents of the grooming standards expected at Newman College.
- Teaching and Learning Report
Mrs Fogliani provided parents with further information on the IDEAS Program (Innovative Designs for Enhancing Achievements in Schools) which is being implemented at Newman College over the next two years.

5. Parent Engagement at Newman College 2016

Some points made by parents were:

- More feedback would be appreciated from forums such as Elevate
- Father/Son or Mother/Daughter functions would be welcome
- Nutrition for learning session suggested
- Communication issues being experienced by parents include:
 - navigating the website
 - the need to consolidate the number of emails from the College
 - the need to archive the Principal's message for future reference
- Science Club opportunity for Primary students
- Friends of Music wishes to build its membership and will consider rebadging to 'Friends of Performing Arts' to demonstrate inclusivity.
- Art Expo also intends to increase its membership to include a performing arts aspect.
- Nature Play progression. In reference to this query, Mr Finneran asked that this would be put on hold until the new Capital Development Plan had been further progressed.

6. Other Business

Nil.

Close and Date of Next Meeting

Mr Finneran closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

(Minutes of this meeting to be shared with the wider College community.)
