

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parents & Friends Association

Meeting minutes

Date: Friday, 26th May 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Community Room

Present: Charmaine Andrews, Sonya Wallace, Nikki McPherson, Angela D'Bras, Honor McGill, Michelle Sweeney, Vickie Perry, Justine Goodway, Hope Wells, Kate Simpson, Karen Hardie, Kelly Lukic, Scott Frazer and Colleen Templeton

Apologies: Sandra Mahoney, Kate Hooke, Natalie Jones, Barry Shanley and Chris Burns

Meeting opened: Prayer lead by Sonya Wallace

Acknowledgement to country lead by Sonya Wallace

Business from previous minutes to discuss:

Accepted by Charmaine Andrews

Seconded by Angela D'Bras

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence

Nothing to share

President's Report – shared by Sonya Wallace

- Thank you for coming today – we recognise that it can be difficult for people to make it to evening meetings at times, so we welcome this opportunity for more people to be able to participate.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sonya Wallace for taking the time to run the meeting today in my absence.
- Just a reminder that if there are any items that you would like to have considered for the agenda for future meeting, the email address is sjf.parentsandfriends@gmail.com

Sacramental Program

Scot shared how the implementation of the Confirmation program has been adjusted for the first time this year, following feedback given by Bishop Peter.

Parents shared feedback on how the times of parent information sessions where held and when the Confirmation ceremonies were held were not very family friendly. However, Scot expressed that dates and times issued for Confirmation are out of the school's control and are issued by Bishop Peter.

Treasurer's Report

| Funds available as at | P&F Cheque Acc | P&F Cash Mgmt Acc | Total |
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| | \$8647.37 | \$2,403.35 | \$11,050.72 |
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| Fundraising & Social Events | Funds Raised | Less Expenses | Net Profit |
| 2017 Sportathon | \$4018.0 | \$369.00 | \$3649.70 |
| Big Arvo | \$292.30 | \$545.00 | -\$252.70 |
| Disco | \$1280 | \$614.00 | \$666.00 |
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| Newsletter Advertising | Funds Raised | Less Expenses | Net Profit |
| | \$2,400 | \$1,848.00 | \$552 |
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| Expenses paid out to date for other events | Expenses Paid | | |

Catholic Schools Representative Report

Honor McGill, Ellan Allan and Karen Hardie held Central Coast Cluster Meeting at SJF on 21st March 2017. The emphasis of the meeting was to create dialogue which focuses on the Future of our Parent Bodies within our Schools Community and how we engage and utilise their input and expertise.

Discussions at the meeting included:

- Reframing the traditional P&F models – lots of discussion on how many schools have embraced the new ‘Contemporary Team model.
- Discussion and clarification on difference between Parent Involvement and Parent Engagement.
- Linking Parent Team models (P&F goals) to School SIPS (school improvement plan)

Karen & Honor also shared an up-coming Parent evening – Thursday, 15th June – Dr Debbie Pusher. In addition, a 2-day parent / family conference is planned with further information coming.

Upcoming Parent Conference:

Date: 9-10 September 2017
Venue: St Paul's Catholic College, Manly
Topic: Future Ready: Preparing Our Children for a Changing World

More information:

<http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2017-parent-conference.html>

Running parallel, on the Saturday, there will be a Kids' Conference where primary-age students (5-12 years) will have the opportunity to build their creativity, practice mindfulness and explore technological skills.

Draft program:

- Block 1: Wellbeing - Yoga, meditation & mindfulness | Growth mindset
- Block 2: Stem - Robotics | Coding
- Block 3: Fun! - Circus skills | Music workshop

Social & Fundraising Report

Mother's Day Breakfast – Two weeks ago we joined together as a school community to celebrate the amazing mother's we have at SJF. We all enjoyed a beautiful breakfast, classroom visit and special Mass. Thank you to Hayley Munday, Angela Lanser, Louise Miller, Melissa Lalor and Sallianne Tucker for helping me with the organisation/running of the breakfast. An extra special thank you to all the dads who helped on the morning with setting up bright and early, serving the food and cleaning up. It was lovely for the mums to enjoy the morning with the children.

Crazy Hair/Hat Disco – What a fun filled night the kids had at last week's disco. The online ticketing system proved to be a success and we would love to hear feedback from parents. One area we would like to improve on for the next disco in October is the drop off and pick up procedures. This will be looked at by the social committee over the next couple of months.

| | <u>Upcoming Events</u> |
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| Term 2 | <p>Athletics Carnival - SOCIAL BBQ - Kate currently discussing with Danielle and Sallianne -</p> <p>Bricks and Pavers - Kate to organise</p> |
| Term 3 | <p>Grandparents' Day - TBC</p> <p>Father's Day Stall - Tuesday 29th August</p> <p>Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 1st September</p> |
| Term 4 | <p>Disco -20th October - Halloween Theme</p> <p>Teacher's lunch - TBC</p> <p>End of year raffle - ????</p> <p>Gingerbread night - Friday 1st December</p> |

Major raffle – it is suggested that Electronics are the major prize items for this year's raffle. Everyone agreed this was good option.

Principal's Report – Presented by Scot Fraser

Barry wanted to share a new resource, World Book Web which Scot shared information found at : worldbookonline.com

SJF has purchased the rights to access this resource and teachers will be briefed by a representative in week 7 at staff meeting. This is an online resource which is a safe, reliable and secure source with an educational basis.

Children are already using this resource at school and Scot shared some resources with parents present with login details. Kelly Lukic shared her experience with this resource.

General Business

Kelly wanted to remind parents of the Entertainment Book which is a great resource – costs \$65 and \$13 is direct fundraising back to SJF – Kelly has supplies ready to issue for parents.

Kelly also shared about a fantastic counsellor, Natalie Fisher who bulk bills for 10 sessions – once the GP sets up a Mental Health Care Plan. Natalie can be contacted on 0403 238 333 or on Facebook.

Fundraising Levy – it was suggested that a survey may need to be organised via Survey Monkey. No one volunteered for this responsibility.

Honor wanted to talk about the proximity of the playground and how young siblings can access the carpark. Discussion occurred around the type of fencing. Colleen recommended Rod Wehrle, Cameron Wehrle in Year 5, is a fencer and Colleen will email Honor Rod's email details so that Honor can liaise with Rod.

Meeting closed at 10:50am.