

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parents & Friends Association

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

DATE: 24th October 2017

TIME: 7.30pm

VENUE: LARC

MEETING OPENED: 7.30 pm with a Prayer lead by Natalie Jones

PRESENT: Natalie Jones, Sonya Wallace, Louise Miller, Kate Hooke, Karen Hardie, Chris Burns, Scot Frazer, Rhonda Clifford, Charmaine Andrews, Lyndall McDonald, Leanne Hanly, Sandra Mahoney

APOLOGIES: Glen Andrews & Liz Moore

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Accepted by Rhonda Clifford
Seconded by Charmaine Andrew

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Natalie wish to thank the 2017 P&F Committee for their input, support and efforts during the year.

DIOCESAN PARENT COUNCIL REPORT:

- ▶ CSP Report for P&F Meeting - Tuesday, 24 October 2017
- ▶ Parent Conference: Topic: Future Ready: Preparing Our Children for a Changing World
- ▶ Evan and I were very blessed to attend the 12th Catholic Schools Parent Conference at St Paul's Catholic College, Manly on 9 & 10 September.
- ▶ Our attendance and accommodation (at ICMS - which we loved) were generously paid for by the Council of Catholic School Parents as we were the only representatives from St John Fisher.
- ▶ Prof Lea Waters flew up from Melbourne and gave a wonderful presentation about her research on strength-based parenting
- ▶ Discussion panel on "What does being future ready mean for our young?"
- ▶ Dr Charlene Smith presented about parent engagement.
- ▶ Dr Dan Fleming of St Vincent's Health gave an illuminating talk on Spirituality and Ethics in the Future for Families. His presentation demonstrated how the conscious choice to journey towards God creates a relationship with our God and how more is revealed to us as we progress on our journey.

- ▶ A range of interesting workshops were available to choose from. The ones I chose to attend were:
- ▶ 1. Your Child's Amazing Brain: using neuroscience to connect with your child (Katharine Cook).
- ▶ 2. A Parent's Guide to Social & Emotional Learning (Jane Nether)
- ▶ 3. Parent Wellbeing and Self-Care (Louise Kissane)
- ▶ There was a lovely Mass on Saturday evening in the beautiful Cardinal Cerretti Memorial Chapel which was said by Bishop Peter who then joined the parents for dinner at ICMS.

Next Cluster Meeting – Monday, 6th November – Karen will attend this AGM – guest speaker – Kathryn Taylor discussing Family Wellbeing.

SOCIAL REPORT

Disco was a huge success – there was some feedback that the infants disco could be longer than 1 hour. Chris made the comment that he sees a 1-hour disco, even for primary aged children, as more than enough. The extra period is where behaviour issues occurred. We also discussed the quantity of plastic cups needing to be used totalled 600+ at the disco. It is challenging on how best to overcome this other than not issuing drinks until half time.

Teacher's Lunch – This was extremely well received by Teachers with the home prepared luncheon. Kate thanked all those parents who could help.

Grandparents Day – This Friday – morning tea organised for those children and Grandparents.

End of year raffle – Sandra has sent off orders for raffle tickets and all prizes have been purchased. Parents have a month to sell tickets. Prizes drawn on the Christmas concert night. Tickets were sold at Chittaway Coles last year and this helped raise extra profit. It is hoped that some other parents could come forward to help sell other tickets at other sites eg. Coles Killarney Vale. Lyndall McDonald is prepared to sell tickets at IGA Bateau Bay. It is proposed that prizes will be raffled in a random order.

Gingerbread Night – Friday, 1st December

2018 Events

Big Arvo – Week 3, Term 1, 2018. Kate was keen to gauge whether we felt the current running and format of Big Arvo is what families prefer. There was unanimous support for the way in which Kate and her crew of parents organise and co-ordinate event.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Funds available as at	P&F Cheque	P&F Cash	Total
	\$9413.08	\$2,405.96	\$11819.04
Fundraising & Social	Funds Raised	Less Expenses	Net Profit
2017 Sportathon	\$4018.0	\$369.00	\$3649.70
Big Arvo	\$292.30	\$545.00	-\$252.70
Disco No.1	\$1280	\$614.00	\$666.00
Mother's Day	2565.10	2058.66	\$506.44
Father's Day	2756.86	1995.00	-\$761.86
Newsletter sponsors	Funds Raised	Less Expenses	Net Profit
	\$2,400	\$1,848.00	\$552
Expenses paid to date	Expenses Paid		
Gingerbread Night	\$1100 21/6		

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rhonda Clifford raised whether uniforms are being discounted to push the stock of uniforms so that the new uniform can be brought in sooner. A gentleman, within the Diocese, is working with the uniform contractor to ensure that we don't end up with a significant loss.

Lyndall McDonald asked that on Grandparent's day, if children who don't have Grandparents is possible for them to bring another significant other for this event? Another parent, relative. Yes, Chris confirmed that this is a grandparent celebration but other family members are welcome too.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Chris echoed Natalie's comments the effort of the P&F during the year. It is what makes our school such a special place. Chris also spoke how well received the Teacher's luncheon had been. It would appear a precedent may have been set here and the way for the future.

Minor repairs in the canteen – this has been addressed and amended.
Cleaners – new cleaners are now in place and teachers are commenting on how good the new cleaners are going.
Chris shared some of the significant achievements last term - Wakkakiri – so significant for SJF to achieve this success and standard. In addition, school Rugby Union team and Cricket teams did a wonderful job representing their school and demonstrating great sportsmanship.

Cybersafe evening with Brett Lee was a fantastic evening. Brett shared his passion and knowledge of how best to keep our children safe whilst engaging with the internet and social media. Brett spent time with all grades and educators too and this was certainly a very worthwhile presenter to bring to our school community. Chris will share some of the key messages that was shared in our newsletter to help raise parents' awareness and knowledge.

P&F Levy vote was conducted.
A letter was shared that outlined the details of P&F Levy and those parents that were presented were asked to list their vote. 11 parents were present to cast their vote. At the end of the meeting all votes were counted and all 11 parents unanimously agreed to accept the P&F Levy of \$95 for 2018.

AGM NOMINATIONS

2017 P&F members all stepped down from their respective roles.

Scot Frazer acted as the returning officer.

Executive Team for 2018 are:

President Lyndall McDonald – self nominated
Natalie Jones - seconded this nomination
Lyndall accepted role of President

Vice President Sonya Wallace nominated Natalie Jones
Colleen Templeton seconded this nomination

Secretary Natalie accepted role of Vice President
Louise Miller nominated Colleen Templeton
Rhonda Clifford seconded this nomination
Colleen accepted this role of Secretary

Treasurer Kate Hooke nominated Sandra Mahoney
Lyndall McDonald seconded this nomination
Sandra accepted role of Treasurer

DPC Kate Hooke nominated Karen Hardie
Colleen Templeton seconded this nomination
Karen accepted the role of DPC Representative

Social Committee Colleen Templeton nominated Kate Hooke as Social
Committee Member
Natalie Jones seconded this nomination
Kate Hooke accepted this role
Charmaine Andrews accepted this role
Louise Miller accepted this role

Meeting closed at 9:05pm