



St John Fisher Parents and Friends Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 17th March 2020

Start time – 6.30pm

Present:

Leanne Hanly, Rhonda Clifford, Kate Hooke, Vanessa Phillips, Christine Davidson, Barry Shanley, Honor McGill.

Apologies:

Irene Reid

Welcome:

Barry welcomed all and thanked the executive meeting for coming. Barry congratulated Leanne for a wonderful new slideshow presentation.

Acknowledgement of Country: Led by Leanne and Rhonda

Prayer: Led by Leanne and Rhonda

Changes to Executive Committee: Tahlia McGregor volunteered to be on the DPC. Vanessa following up with her to check that she wants to be part of this role again.

Treasurer role discussed as Sandra has now stepped down. Christine Davidson has offered and accepted the role of Treasurer. Kate and Sandra to sit and handover to Christine. Thank you for stepping forward Christine.

Minutes from previous meeting:

Adopted by: Kate Hooke

Seconded by: Leanne Hanly

Treasurers Report

| Funds available as at 29th February 2020 | P&F Cheque Acc | | Total |
|---|---|---------------|--------------|
| | \$9,939.35 | | |
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| Social Events | Revenue | Less Expenses | Net Profit |
| Tea and Tissue | 0.00 | 44.63 | -44.63 |
| Big Arvo | 0.00 | 695.02 | -695.02 |
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| Expenses paid out to date for other events | No expenses to be paid at this time. | | |
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Diocesan Parents Council Report

Vanessa spoke about the meeting and the focus of a \$300 grant that is available. Although very time consuming, it can go towards parent engagement or partnership. The aim of the grant is to get parents involved with the school. Vanessa shared with us that SJF lead the way with communicating both verbal and written information to our school community which was lovely to hear.

SIP (School Improvement Plan) goal – the current goal is Maths. Barry spoke about a toolkit or booklet could be made to hand to families to go towards to school goal. Vanessa will follow up with Carmel to obtain the paperwork. Honor will assist with this.

A question was raised on how to get CSP information back to the school. Honor explained information is shared in transition to school program and various newsletters throughout the year.

Social Committee Report:

Social committee events so far have been:

The Big Arvo was a great night. It was a great chance to welcome new families to the school and spend time together. There was a struggle again to get the required amount of parent helpers. Great to see some Year 6 kids step forward and offer to help out in the kitchen. Something we could look at in the future.

If and when we can, Kate would like to put forward organising a second family event.

Going forward, not much point discussing social events in the current climate with restrictions on mass gatherings. It is highly unlikely that any events will go ahead for Term 2.

Principals Report:

Proposed Uniform Change: A parent has asked if we could look at culottes to introduce an option with the girls dress. Barry has organised a sample to be made. Discussion around price and comfort. More thought needs to go into whether the opening of the culottes is still too large and therefore defeats the purpose of the option.

Barry to ask school community their thoughts on this option.

Matters for future consideration:

Barry surveyed other Catholic Schools in our diocese regarding Easter Hat Parade. There are a few who host this for Kindergarten only. We were hosting one this year, at Glengara, for our local retirement visit. This will obviously no longer go ahead due to the current climate. We do continue to do the book week parade. An Easter Hat parade will be considered again next year however, the focus will remain on Holy Week.

A parent has asked about the handing out of Merit Awards and Captains as a follow on from a Facebook post last year. Barry visits the classrooms to handout awards and speak to the child individually. School Captains - Barry may need to speak to the school community more about why we do not have Captains. Some year six mums spoke about how much they love that there are no Captains now that their children are in Year six. They feel as though the children all feel equal.

Leanne discussed putting recent and relevant photos on the P&F presentation. She was asking to change the way the meeting is run by allocating roles for the meeting so it feels more inclusive. The vision for the P&F for 2020 is to make it welcoming and inclusive.

A parent has tabled an idea that we begin a discussion about how P&F events are co-ordinated. They feel it would be good to have other people organise events, not always fall on Kate. Some feel there is a risk having no central point of contact. Kate is happy for this to happen but would like to continue and host Grandparents Day.

Father's Day will be needing someone to fully coordinate the morning and a team to lead the breakfast. At this time, we are very unsure if the day will go ahead due to the current coronavirus situation.

P&F needs to work out a better way of return money back to parents who have outlaid funds for school events. We need to get it back to the person within 5-7 days. Maybe a Pre-paid VISA card is an option?

Meeting closed at 8pm: Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 13th May if gatherings are allowed.