

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 2 – 2023
Tuesday 6th June, Week 7

6:00pm members present, 6:05pm meeting began.

In attendance, Adele Toomey, Kate Benton, Rebecca Binns, Steve Lynch, Luisa Lawicki & Marcel Arendse

Apologies from Kylie Cook, Cath Wildman & Talia MacGregor.

Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer by Kate Benton

Agenda Item 1

Round Table Feedback Discussed

- It was noted that there were far more positives than negatives that came up on the discussion night.
- The condition of the Cola & Quad was discussed. Marcel mentioned that after the building works are completed the area would be repainted.
- Kate brought up the new “Lost Property Parent” which will hopefully have the outdoor areas looking tidier. Cathy Boyd and Shelley Breen will be looking after this task.
- Community Facebook page guidelines were questioned at the discussion night. Kate has since met with Natasha Sheen (SMO, they have posted rules in line with CSBB guidelines.
- Younger student “games” at the Athletics Carnival. Last year was wet so this wasn’t fully introduced back after covid. This year Steve has discussed with Mr Pobjie and lots of games will be available.
- We are hoping to do a parent trivia night in late term 3. Kate will investigate doing this offsite (possibly Mingara).
- One Disco only this year, we discussed having an outdoor family movie night at school later in the year instead. Kate will follow up on organising.
- Marcel spoke about offering “Parent PL” sessions next term around Compass and other requested topics.
- Book Week, Steve will chat to Teresa about a possible “Pizza & Reading” evening, “Book Fair” or “Book Swap” during Book Week.
- Book Swap Library will be introduced the Cola soon. Kate will find a parent willing to make the library which will be maintained by a parent volunteer (Kate to find).
- Bec suggested parents get a break for a while from Surveys, which was agreed around the group.
- Any OOSHC issues brought up at the evening should have been dealt with due to new leadership at OOSHC. A reminder that this service isn’t run by the school, its run by Catholic Care.
- Parents are hoping to see more teachers at out of school hours events. The leadership team have noted this and are working with the teachers. There has been a noted improvement.
- Teacher Introductions/Bio’s will start in the newsletter next term.

- Kate and Marcel will meet to go over all the survey data from both 2022 & 2023 to make sure we are actioning what we can.

- This Feedback Night follow up will be a rolling agenda item.

Agenda Item 2

School House Colour Names

Steve and Kate have been working with Jodie to come up with appropriate Darkinjung names around the below themes.

Green House will be named after the Darkinjung word for Trees/Leaves/Shrubs and will have a native animal mascot from the trees, for example a Possum (students to possibly decide).

Yellow House will be named after the sun/sky and will have a mascot that flies, for example the Kookaburra.

Red House will be named after the earth/ground/dirt and their mascot will be a ground animal, for example a kangaroo.

Blue house will be named after water/the sea/the creek and will have a mascot which lives in water, for example a platypus.

Once the words are selected, there is a complicated process of making sure they are appropriate and then they need to be approved by the Aboriginal Land Council. We understand this is a lengthy process, but we are committed to doing it correctly as these names will be a Legacy to SJF.

Agenda Item 3

Uniform, specifically long sleeve shirts

- Marcel said the decision to remove them was by Cowan & Lewis directly and not the school. This was a stock decision, most likely because of the low demand during home-based learning in Winter over Covid.
- Marcel will call C&W to see if we can get long sleeve shirts back.
- Marcel was also made aware of stock issues, specifically around girls' pants and the sizing of the tunic. Marcel will also discuss this.
- Marcel will also meet with current supplier to discuss issues brought up in this meeting.
- There will be a notice in the newsletter from Marcel next week further clarifying the uniform situation.
- Steve and Marcel noted only 2 students in shorts today which is an excellent improvement.
- Uniform discussion will roll over to the next meeting after we have more clarity from CSBB and Cowan & Lewis. We will also hold a special advisory meeting later in the year to have a more in-depth discussion about the uniforms as a whole moving forward.

- Year 6 shirts, we are looking into getting a new supplier. Kate will contact a local company Hip Pocket to see if they are able to accommodate our tradition of having our year 6 students design their shirts.

Miscellaneous

- Award Communication was brought up by Talia. Some parents have missed seeing awards as they weren't made aware by class teachers.
- Communication "should be" as follows. Teacher will call parents directly for Growing in Faith Award. Compass notification will come through via text and email for class awards.
- Leadership team will make sure teachers are more on top of communication and remind teachers of the correct communication.
- Canteen, great improvement.
- Logistics issue, parents need to make sure their child's correct class is selected via the QKR app. Kate will put out a compass/Facebook post.

Term 3 Meeting will be in either week 2 or 3 next term.

Meeting concluded at 7pm