



St Patrick's College – Parents and Friends Association

MINUTES OF MEETING – 16 March 2005

MEETING COMMENCED: 7.35pm

ATTENDANCE: 17 per Attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Anthony Ryan, Debbie Black

Michael Carroll opened the meeting with a prayer and welcome.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 16 February 2005

Michael Carroll moved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Cheryl Lange and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

BACOPAFA Newsletter

News in Brief

Australian Government – Department of Education, Science and Training Tutorial Voucher Initiative

Outwards:

No outgoing correspondence.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The first instalment of the P & F levy has been paid. Cheryl Lange moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Netty Winkel, carried.

COLLEGE REPORTS:

College Principal – Michael Carroll

A Liturgical Celebration for St Patrick's day will be held followed by the Great Morven Race on 17/3/05. Staff who have been at St Patrick's for more than ten years will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Brother Conn.

There has been generous support and contributions for the dinner dance and other events during the year from families and suppliers. Numbers for the dinner dance are good.

Approval for the shade on the western side of the O'Connor building as been approved. No samples available as yet. Renovations to the Junior School on track with a completion by 28/4/05 and handover on 2/5/05. The front entrance may be blocked for a further two weeks to allow resurfacing and upgrade. Waiting on final approval for renovations to Morven. Reports will be posted on 24/3/05 and will include a principal's letter and parent/teacher evening information on 19/4/05.

A number of events are coming up including Back to Shorncliffe Day On 30/4/05, Musical 18-21 May and open day and art evening in August.

Assistant Principal Student Information – David Gardiner

Term 1 Report Positive atmosphere and sense of caring amongst the boys; strong community spirit with house night with good attendance from years 5 – 8; class behaviour has been good; cleanliness of the school is improving; Year 7 and 8 camps were successful; Year 8 retreat was excellent with support from year 11; good support for cricket and volleyball; CIC/AIC swimming was excellent; Year 12 have continued in their leadership role with formation of committees; rugby /soccer signup 17/3; uniforms have been sharp; number of detentions have dropped.

Assistant Principal Curriculum – Chris Mayes

Students are finishing off exams and assignments. Year 12 are doing well. The new assignment policy is working well. An assessment policy for grades 5 – 7 with the same format is available for parents.

A trial for transition for year 7 boys to secondary school will be implemented this year. The staff scholarship will be finalised next term. Good opportunities for tradesmen in the future due to skill shortage.

The Education Working Party has completed a review of the middle school. A questionnaire for staff, parents and students was completed with the assistance of students from ACU.

Assistant Principal Mission – Anthony Ryan - apologies

OTHER REPORTS

Sport Support Group

Minutes from last meeting available. Canteen for cricket and volleyball was successful. A BBQ held at St John Fisher for junior school cricket each week raised \$700. The canteen at Curlew needs some extra help.

Parent Support Group

Nil

Curlew Park Association

Currently negotiating for a longer lease. If it is granted there is scope for future development and building.

Cultural Support Group

Main focus is the musical. Next term all rehearsals are at St Pat's. 17/4/05 is rehearsal day and BBQ lunch will be available. Have purchased a new TV/camera for creative arts. Blazers have been purchased for the debating team from the 2nd hand uniform shop. Helpers required to set up for the dinner dance.

Chair of Support

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

Diane reported that the phone around was successful but still 48 left to contact. This will be done next week.

The May meeting has been deferred to the last week due to the musical in the third week. As June's meeting of the P & F falls in the holidays it may be better to cancel June and bring the July meeting forward to the 13th. This will be discussed at the April meeting for confirmation.

Wayne Seagrott enquired about the water quality in the school pool. Michael Carroll advised that everything is back in working order and the electricals are OK.

Discussion of the Constitution will be held at the next meeting.

Luanne Cornhill advised that the school website incorporates all the support groups and the minutes of each group is available on the site.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 27 April, 2005.

Meeting Closed: 8.45PM.