



St Patrick's College – Parents and Friends Association

MINUTES OF MEETING - 18 APRIL 2007

MEETING COMMENCED: 7.30pm

ATTENDANCE: 12As per attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Paul Cross, Anthony Ryan

Brother Fitzgerald opened the meeting with the College prayer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of meeting from 21 March presented. Tracey Hoffmann moved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Terry McCarthy.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:

IN:

- P & F Association Levy for term 2 - \$1146.58
- Letter from Senator Ron Boswell regarding the proposed \$250 Tax deduction for children's sport.
- Advertising from Dr K's Bright Future Education – Education Programs for Parents
- Leaflet from Brisbane Catholic Education advising of change of phone number (3033 7000)
- Reminder of Annual General Meeting of Brisbane Catholic P & F
- News in Brief – March 2007

OUT: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: As per the handout. Diane Hamill moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Anne Stanton.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS: Michael Carroll

Michael introduced to the meeting Mr. Chris Connolly from Drinx Group, which operates, among other establishments, the Full Moon. Michael invited Chris to address the meeting regarding mutual financial benefits for the College and Full Moon.

Michael also drew attention to the numerous recent newspaper articles regarding the success of the College.

- Articles in both the Courier Mail and local Quest newspaper regarding new turf on the back oval.
- Alex Turner victory in the Lion's Youth Speaking Competition.
- From the results published in the Courier Mail, 81% of 2006 Year 12 students from SPC received OP 1 to 15 and this resulted in St Patrick's ranking 7th of all boys schools in Queensland and 11th of all Catholic school in Qld. SPC Voc Ed students also received very good results last year. The only AIC schools above SPC were Iona and St Peters. All the hard work by students, parents and the College is paying off.

Paul Cross has invited the students of SPC to be part of the Anzac Day March in Sandgate. Interested students will meet in front of the RSL in full College uniform and march behind the College band.

Michael indicated that he would write a letter to QR regarding the need for boom gate at the entrance to Curlew Park. The group from Shorncliffe State School is preparing a letter to Vicki Darling (Local MLA)

with a petition signed by local parents regarding this issue. A petition was available for signature at the meeting and in the College office.

The Sandgate Einbunpin Festival will be held on 29 July. SPC has the opportunity to operate a fundraising stall.

Independent Schools of Qld has conducted a survey regarding what parents want in regard to schooling for their children. The top responses were:

1. To fulfill potential
2. Discipline
3. Responsible attitude to life

These are the values that SPC endeavours to instill into the students.

CHRIS CONNOLLY – DRINX GROUP:

Chris, a Business Development Manager for Drinx, spoke to the group regarding the facilities available at the Full Moon and other Drinx establishments. The Full Moon is treated as a restaurant with a bar attached and has function rooms. It is promoted as a family destination and has a children's room. They recently ran a fund raising wine dinner titled 'Best of the Barossa' with all food and drinks coming from the Barossa region. It was a four-course meal with 9 different wines. There were only 64 guests at \$65 per head and if the College were interested in a similar dinner, \$10 from each ticket sale would be donated back to the College. The Full Moon also has a coffee shop and caters for breakfasts. There are many different options for fundraising dinners from exclusive dinners for between 20 and 64 people. The Sandgate room holds 120 guests. It was decided that Chris would run a dinner with SPC being the beneficiaries on 20 July. This dinner will be advertised in the Calling. The Full Moon were also invited to run a food stall at the Back-to-Shorncliffe day on Saturday 9 June. Michael also suggested that Chris contact the Old Boys Association regarding the function on Friday 8 June.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STUDENT FORMATION: David Gardiner
David advised that Jane Wilcox had a baby boy – Samuel Francis.

Trimester 1 Co-curriculum awards were presented on Tuesday 18 April.

The second trimester activities are rugby, soccer and chess. There will be 3 AIC home games for Rugby and soccer.

The interhouse cross-country will be held on Tuesday 1 May, followed by House BBQs.

Kath Sleba has this term returned as full time House Dean.

The College has introduced a Mentoring program for 30 at risk students incorporating pro-active strategies.

The Pastoral plan and house review are linked to the work being completed by Chris Carlill as part of the staff scholarship. David handed out a Pastoral Plan survey to each person at the meeting to be completed during the meeting. We were asked to identify topics that we believe are important to the students to assist with formulating a structured life skills program.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULEM: Chris Mayes

CSIRO will be attending the College to work with the year 5 and 6 students in the Callan Centre on Friday 21 April. As a number of the year 7 students will be absent from the College due to the rugby competition in Armidale, the CSIRO will return to facilitate a day for the year 7s at a later date.

Chris and Peter Egan will be attending a QCAR meeting on 1st May at the Bardon Centre.

The Federal Government will conduct testing of writing tasks for aspects of literacy and numeracy for years 5 and 7 students.

Year 12 QCS response task results are back.

The new College homework policy will be presented to the Education Group at the meeting on 30 April and if passed will be introduced in Semester 2.

The Next Step report tracks the tertiary paths of the previous year's Seniors. The 2006 results will be available soon.

The Exchange program for Year 11 students commences the week beginning 23 April. This year there will be a new selection process.

Year 10, 11 and 12 students are encouraged to attend the Careers Expo to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Convention Centre. This will provide updated information from universities and industry.

Heads of Department and House Deans are going through an appraisal process.

The College Open day will be 16 May with the P & F cooking the BBQ. A P & F meeting will follow the Open Day.

There will be 5 productions of the College Musical starting on Wednesday 9 May.

Study Skills evening will be held on Wednesday 2 May beginning with an Introduction Forum from 6.45 to 7.30pm followed by workshops the following topics – Note taking and Research work, proof reading and planning essays, preparation and study for Maths and Science and Styles of learning.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MISSION: Anthony Ryan
Absent – no report.

OTHER REPORTS:

CURLEW PARK ASSOCIATION:

Six parents attended the working bee where work was completed on the amenities shed. The AGM of the Curlew Park Association will be held on the 9 May. An application has been submitted for a grant for a 27 000 litre water tank. The lease expires on 30 June this year. The Association will be applying for a 99-year lease with a view of gaining the longest lease possible. Previous leases have been for 5 years. The Group is looking into obtaining professional assistance with Grants applications.

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report

SPORT SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Terry McCarthy reported that the committee has organized to have grey water trucked to Curlew Park. It is planned to purchase 40 000 litres per day for 5 days at an approximate cost of \$2 500. The grounds are very hard and dusty and could be a health hazard for the footballers. Because of the expense of the water over the next few weeks, the Sport Support Group will be unable to financially support the Paddys Van.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Diane reported on the current status of the Green and Gold fundraiser. As there have only been 154 tickets sold it was proposed to postpone the 1st draw until the May meeting.

Motion moved by Diane Hamill that the April draw be postponed until the May meeting and conduct 2 draws at that Meeting. Seconded by Wayne Seagrott. All in favour.

The tickets in the Green and Gold were originally going to be priced at \$100, however the Queensland Gaming Authority regulations state, as the Association is not incorporated, there is a limit of \$20 000 from each fundraising venture. It was decided to reduce the tickets to \$50 each and endeavour to sell 400 tickets.

Terry McCarthy asked about the ruling that the boys could only have their first or surname on their Senior Jersey. Michael advised that it has always been his policy, however in the first year or two at SPC some other names did slip through. At previous schools, even though the names were checked, some unsuitable names were on jerseys. Michael thought that the Seniors would have been aware of this ruling prior to receiving the order forms. Michael also indicated that he did not have a problem with the boys ordering Senior Shorts and would communicate this information to the boys when they were next gathered together as a group – probably prior to the next QCS practice test.

Next meeting: Wednesday 16 May 2007

MEETING CLOSED at 9.30 pm with a cuppa.

Diane Hamill
President