



St Patrick's College – Parents and Friends Association

MINUTES OF MEETING - 18 JULY 2007

MEETING COMMENCED: 7.33pm

ATTENDANCE: 12 as per attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Michael Carroll, Anthony Ryan, Cheryl Lange

Brother Fitzgerald opened the meeting with the College prayer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of meeting from 16 May presented. Terry McCarthy moved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Wayne Seagrott.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:

IN:

- News in Brief – May edition
- News in Brief – June edition
- Cadbury Fundraiser information
- Survey to review the Federation of P & F Associations of Catholic Schools in Queensland
- Letter from Qld Catholic Education & Federation of P & F regarding issues of importance to Qld Catholic Schools and Federal Members of Parliament.
- Newsletters from Brisbane Catholic P & F – April and May editions
- Einbunpin Festival information
- T.A.F.E. Queensland Guide
- Copy of DETA Budget highlights of State Budget 07-08
- RACQ *freetogo* newsletter
- Federation of P & F Association – Third Term Levy - \$1261.24
- APC Review – May 07
- Federation of P & F Association Brochure – Knowing your P & F Federation

OUT: Nil

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

As a result of the current financial situation, Terry McCarthy proposed that the P & F donate \$1000 towards the Paddies Van. Seconded by Tracey Hoffman. All agreed. Carried.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS: Michael Carroll

As Michael was unable to attend the meeting he forwarded a written report, which was distributed at the meeting.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STUDENT FORMATION: David Gardiner

Thank you to all concerned with the AIC/CIC second trimester. Special thanks go for the support of the Curlew Park Canteen/BBQ, the Curlew Park Association and the Sport Support Group.

Cross Country, AFL, Basketball, Athletics and tennis are on the way.

The year 11 Dinner Dance was a great evening. It was held at Virginia Golf Club, which was suitable this year, but will need to start looking for a larger venue for future years.

Taking the Rugby and Soccer team photos at Curlew proved successful because it caused less disruption to classes and most coaches were available for photos. It has been decided to repeat that process next year.

It has been decided to send letters of congratulations for excellent academic results as well as letters of concern where improvements are required. There are high numbers of award recipients for the academic assembly.

The Back to Barossa Dinner will be held at the Full Moon Hotel on Friday 20 July.

Parent support is required for the Year 8/9 social on Saturday 21 July.

Inter-House debating commences on 19 July with the finals during Show Week.

Parents are welcome to come along to the Inter-House athletics carnival on Friday 17 August.

Shore-to-Gate will be held on the last day of term – Friday 21 September and all funds raised will assist with the expense of air-conditioning the Callan Centre.

David distributed an overview of Pastoral Care and the underlying principles of the formation program for the College.

While the meeting was progressing there was an interschool theatre sports competition in the Callan Centre. Four schools were involved.

Interviews are being conducted for years 5 and 7 for 2009 and it is expected that all classes for 2009 will be finalized by the September holidays.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULEM: Chris Mayes

Although this is the longest term of the Academic year, teaching time, particularly for the year 12s, is reduced because of QCS, Kairos, athletics etc.

The Junior school staff led by Gayle Woodrow and Clinton Hall have been analyzing and discussing the progress of the year 5 and 7 students with regard to their Aspects of Literacy and Numeracy Tests. They have been identifying weaknesses and dealing with them, encouraging boys to reach their potential. Paul Johnson is a training literacy coach and has been assisting new teachers with this process including functional grammar – back to the basics. The ACER tests went well with good feedback.

First semester reports were strong with a good number of academic awards. There is a solid group of grade 12 recipients. There will be awards for 3 students who have achieved outstanding reports in school based apprenticeships.

The Parent Teacher interviews went well with less parents attending, which was a reflection on the good results.

Year 10 students will receive their subject selection books next week in readiness for the information evening to be held on 6 August.

All year 11 and 12 students will be interviewed shortly to gauge their predicted OP or IP or final outcome. The IP's have been difficult to calculate as 40% of the students have not returned their employer reports. The IP score is calculated on the employer report and academic results for literacy and numeracy subjects and then next 3 best subjects. QCEs are in place for year 11. There have been up to 12 interviews with students and parents to improve or change subjects.

Year 12 OP students will participate in practice QCS tests on 13 and 14 August and the actual tests will be conducted on 4 and 5 September. IP students will complete a first aide course over the four days.

Years 5 and 7 students will be sitting literacy and numeracy tests on 21 and 22 August.

The award recipients for the academic assembly on 31 July will be published for students to check for accuracy. The results were very pleasing.

There is a review of years 11 and 12 curriculum to bring all states of Australia in line.

Mr Derek Hughes has accepted a position as Head of Music at the Christian College in Caloundra. Derek, who has advanced the music program at St Pats will be finishing here on 27 July.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MISSION: Anthony Ryan

Anthony was absent in South Africa, however the following was reported on his behalf:

The final Kairos Retreat for this year will be held next Sunday with 42 attending. The Paddies Van has been kept busy. The Thursday night visits to the city will replace street retreats. On the first night, when the Paddies Van arrived unannounced, there were between 50 and 60 clients.

Anthony and Michael have donated \$20000 of funds raised through St Pats to organizations in South Africa. They are also visiting St Peter Claver School in Kroonstad to organize teacher and student exchanges with St Pats.

The cross country team raised over \$3000 towards the cost of the Paddies Van through sponsorship of the Marathon.

OTHER REPORTS:

CURLEW PARK ASSOCIATION:

An application to the Council for topsoil for around the cricket pitch has been declined. The Association is still waiting for advice regarding the renewal of the lease for either 5 or 10 years.

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT:

The fundraiser for this term will be framed family portraits at a cost of \$10. Brochures will be sent home with the Calling and the photos will be taken on 16 September.

SPORT SUPPORT GROUP:

Many thanks for the help during the football season at Curlew Park. Jenny and John Cotton, Canteen convenors spent all day in the canteen. Chris Walsh as BBQ convenor, prepared all the salad ingredients and set up the BBQ area and Kev Killalea spent many hours organizing the watering of the grounds. Because our fields were well watered we were able to avail ourselves of a bonus home game against St Peters. Many thanks to all the helpers.

Parent helpers are required for the social for year 8 and 9 students.

The Parent and Son dinner should be a great night with excellent guest speakers. The primary aim of the evening is for a social family night and as such costs are kept to a minimum.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

CO-CURRICULUM AWARDS CEREMONY

There was some confusion over the recently held co-curriculum awards. There was no advertised start time and many parents were told that it was at the usual assembly time and as such were late as the start time had been brought forward. The point was also made that the daytime format makes it very difficult for parents to attend. It is understood that the day format is more suited to some families as it can be difficult for some award recipients to attend in the evenings.

GREEN AND GOLD DRAWS

The official draw for June was conducted in the College office on 20 June in the presence of Michael Carroll, Judy Kelly and Diane Hamill. The drawer for July was conducted at this meeting.

The winners of the \$100 monthly prizes were:

June: Number 172 – Jill Nalder

July: Number 182 – Riminton Family

Next meeting: Wednesday 19 September 2007

MEETING CLOSED at 8.45 pm

Diane Hamill
President