



## St Patrick's College – Parents and Friends Association

### MINUTES OF MEETING - 20 February 2008

**MEETING COMMENCED:** 7.35pm

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** Dorothy Stone

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 November 2007 were presented. Wayne Seagrott moved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Michael Carroll. *Carried.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Michael Carroll reported that Luke Donatini was investigating the option of being able to purchase athletics uniforms rather than the current hire system.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- IN:**
- Ms Vicki Darling MP, Member for Sandgate – Christmas wishes, marquee available, upcoming grant opportunities
  - Cr Victoria Newton, Deagon Ward – Invitation to have a stall at Council's CitySmart Neighbourhood Fair at Boondall (24 February), interest in attending future P & F meeting
  - Federation of Parents & Friends Associations of Catholic Schools in Queensland – Brochure and February 2008 Newsletter
  - Safe Drive Test Drive – Driving safety program information
  - University of Queensland – Science Ambassador Scheme 2008
  - Affordable Amusement Rides – Brochure
  - ABC Fun Rides – Brochure
  - BLC International – Fundraising information

**OUT:** Nil

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Judy Kelly

Judy Kelly presented a report for January and February and moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Wayne Seagrott. *Carried*

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Dr Michael Carroll

Michael Carroll reported that 2008 has begun positively, with a total cohort of 1,024 students and 107 staff, and the College is now operating at maximum capacity.

He introduced and welcomed new College Leadership Team (CLT) members Mr Chris Campbell (Assistant Principal Curriculum) and Mr Ray Celegato (Assistant Principal Administration), and reported that the CLT were looking forward to working together as a united team and focusing on advancing teaching and learning, promoting academic excellence and upholding the Edmund Rice vision. Further, the CLT wants to encourage the College's self belief and self confidence, as well as improve and promote the College within the community.

He suggested that during 2008 the P & F Association should define its role within the St Patrick's community, including its fundraising capabilities and to focus on a couple of key areas.

Michael Carroll and College Captain Brett Crooke recently attended the Australian launch of the Edmund Rice Education Association (EREA) in Melbourne. St Patrick's College was one of 40 schools in Australia that is part of EREA and is well placed within these schools.

Building Update – The Development Application has been approved and the Building Application is now in process and it is expected that 6 – 7 tenders will be sought from the 24 Expressions of Interest received. Stage 1 work is due to begin 5 May 2008 with anticipated completion by the beginning of Term 1, 2009. The next stage of construction will then commence during Term 1, 2009. Overall, the building budget is \$8.5 million. During construction there will be changes to some of the school entrances and possible relocation of the bus stops. More information will be communicated in due course.

In this week's Calling there will be a reminder about road safety around the College and to be particularly aware of observing the speed limit and not parking in "no standing" areas.

Michael Carroll informed attendees that the primary forms of communication within the College community are: The Calling, calendar, student diary and the website.

The 2007 College Year Books will be available for distribution in the next 3 – 4 weeks.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STUDENT FORMATION:** David Gardiner

David Gardiner also reported a positive start to 2008 with students happy and settled.

The House Deans have been active in supporting new students, in particular in Year 5 and 8, with Big Brothers also assisting with new students' transition to the College. Year 12 House Dinners have also been held recently.

Next week sees the start of inter-house competition with upcoming events including: the Scholars Assembly, inter-house chess, and the Years 5 – 8 and 9 – 12 Swimming Carnival.

There is a Years 10, 11 and 12 social this Friday (22 February) and parent helpers will be required.

The Shore-to-Gate is coming up at the end of Term 1 and it is hoped that \$30,000 can be raised this year.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM:** Chris Campbell

Chris Campbell thanked the College for the tremendous welcome he has received from students, teachers and the CLT.

He stressed that the College's core business is teaching and learning and that his focus will be to sustain, maintain and improve on academic achievement at the College.

He explained the College's policy regarding the Queensland Core Skills Test and reported that the College devoted approximately 35 hours in preparation.

Heads of Department and teaching staff will be audited with best practice being shared throughout the College. Further, curriculum programs will be implemented across Years 5 – 12 that develop higher level thinking. There will be a curriculum mapping process introduced throughout all year levels at the College with an overall blueprint developed.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION:** Ray Celegato

Ray Celegato also expressed his thanks at the warm welcome he has received since taking up the newly created position of Assistant Principal Administration and was looking forward to working with the CLT. He explained that he will be responsible for the professional development of staff, staff appraisals, the development of school policies, staff rosters, timetables and College events such as the Open Day, Information Nights and Night of Excellence.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MISSION:** Anthony Ryan

The costs for World Youth Day '08 have now blown out to \$850. Unfortunately in some regards it is now being seen as an event similar to "Schoolies" where accommodation costs are markedly increased.

There has been a fantastic interest and response to the parent-son retreat program. Staff retreats will also take place during the year.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**Parent Support Group:** Judy Kelly

This group does not have regular meetings, but endeavour to organise one fundraising activity each term. Entertainment Books will also be available this year.

**Sport Support Group:** No report submitted.

**Cultural Support Group:** No report submitted.

**Curlew Park Association:** Br Col

The lease for Curlew Park has recently been renewed for a further 10 years which means that further capital development can be provided at Curlew Park. A Brisbane City Council grant of \$23,000 has been awarded for the installation of concrete water tanks. The next meeting of the Curlew Park Association is 12 March 2008.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Diane Hamill

Diane Hamill advised that the St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance is being held on 14 March. Helpers will be required on Friday afternoon 13 March to help set up the Callen Centre. Donations for raffle prizes are needed.

The P & F will host Parent Information Evenings throughout the year. Previous topics have been internet safety, drug and alcohol, study skills, resilience. There is a study skills evening scheduled in the calendar for next term however any other suggestions would be appreciated

A general reminder to support and promote the Green and Gold Club as it is the P & F's main fundraising activity for the year.

MEETING CLOSED at 8.50 pm