



St Patrick's College – Parents and Friends Association

MINUTES OF MEETING – 22 AUGUST 2007

MEETING COMMENCED: 7.33pm

ATTENDANCE: 17 as per attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Anthony Ryan, Netty Winkle, Darryl Bates

Michael Carroll opened the meeting with prayer/reflection that was presented as a very powerful PowerPoint presentation from Michael and Anthony Ryan's recent trip to South Africa.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of meeting from 18 July presented. Tracey Hoffman moved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Terry McCarthy.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:

IN:

1. GrantEd – Stationery suppliers
2. Victoria Newton – Offer of free stall at Deagon Market Square Sunday Markets
3. Vicky Darling – Sandgate Electorate Youth Violence Forum – SPC 28/08
4. Pine Rivers Shire Council – Free Seminars for non-profit organizations
5. Daniel Morcombe Foundation – Day for Daniel 31/10, Child Safety
6. Kram Education – Advertising for Educational needs
7. FOGS Qld – Art Union fundraiser

OUT: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: As per the handout. In the absence of Judy Kelly, Diane Hamill moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Wayne Seagrott.

An error in the May report relating to a double entry in the Green and Gold, was amended in the August report.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS: Michael Carroll

Michael presented a slide show of an overview of the College Master Plan incorporating building plans that will come to fruition next year as well as plans for the long term future.

CHAIR OF THE COLLEGE BOARD: Damien Gallagher

Damien was invited to address the meeting about his role and the functions of the College Board. Damien has been a board member since 2002 and chair for 2 years. He is a college old boy (Senior 1989) and brings a financial /business acumen. Originally the board was an advisory body with no governance or constitution. Three years ago the constitution was formalized. The board is not involved with the day-to-day operations of the college, but has a strategic input (e.g. College Master Plan). The board members come with a diverse range of backgrounds and expertise. The board meets for 2 to 3 hours 10 times each year. The following sub-committees meet between meetings and report to the board: Finance, Education, Facilities and Curlew Park.

The College is currently in the best financial position since Damien joined the Board. The Christian Brothers will hand over to Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) in October. EREA ceremonies will

be held at the beginning of the new school year, with the Oceania Province being based at Emmaus at Banyo.

Future plans for the Board include a marketing/public relations committee to focus on the whole college community including tapping into the experience and goodwill of the old boys.

The challenge is to improve the Board and to make it more visible in the College community.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STUDENT FORMATION: David Gardiner

The interhouse championships are progressing well. All students watched the debating finals and the recent Athletics Carnival was very well attended. The year 12 students lead by example and were good role models encouraging participation and team spirit within the houses. Only 6 of the year 12s were absent on the day and all had valid reasons. Participation, uniforms and spirit on the day were excellent. Many parents attended and helped in varied areas. To date, the house competitions have been won by 5 different houses and the winner of Showcase will determine the House champions for this year.

The Theatre Sports team has been achieving very good results and has advanced to the semi finals. The Senior formal was very impressive. The boys behaved and followed instructions, which made it an enjoyable evening for all. There was a great atmosphere and the whole evening flowed smoothly. Some Year 10 students have been part of a Youth Violence Taskforce and will present their ideas at a special forum hosted by Chris Bombolas in the Callan Centre on Tuesday 28 August.

Shore to Gate sponsorship cards have been handed out with the aim to raise \$20 000 towards the air-conditioning of Callan Centre. The race/walk will be held on the last day of term 3 and will be followed by house BBQs.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM: Chris Mayes

Years 5 and 7 aspects of literacy and numeracy tests were held on 21 and 22 August, with a breakfast of fruit and cereal served by teachers and year 12 students. Year 8 subject selection evening was well attended on Monday evening. Year 8 and 9 Core A classes are working on sexuality. Chris Carlill prepared the curriculum as part of the P & F Staff Scholarship. All relevant staff have been in-serviced and the course incorporates the Church's view on sexuality. The year 10 SETP/subject interviews have commenced. Year 11 students have been interviewed about their progress and advised about the consequences of changing subjects. The year 12 students have a very busy couple of weeks ahead with preparation for QCS tests. The recent practices were first class for effort and co-operation. The overseas exchange students will leave next Wednesday for Vancouver and Cincinnati.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MISSION: Anthony Ryan

No report as Anthony was not at the meeting.

OTHER REPORTS:

CURLEW PARK ASSOCIATION:

The Association is still waiting for advice regarding the renewal of the lease for either 5 or 10 years. Peter Tyrell is looking for a wish list from within the community. Power is ready to be connected by Energex. This year seven schools used Curlew Park for their athletics carnivals.

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Judy Kelly was unable to attend the meeting and forwarded a written report which was distributed at the meeting.

SPORT SUPPORT GROUP:

Many thanks to Anne Stanton and all the helpers for the success of the Parent and son dinner. It was a great night.

CULTURAL SUPPORT GROUP:

The group has been busy with the recent Dusk event and is now preparing for Battle of the Bands and Showcase.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The College Annual report has been published and is now available on the College Website.

The Back-to-Barossa evening was very enjoyable and successful. The profit realized at the function was \$500. It is proposed that there could be 2 dinners held next year.

Next year the College Leadership Team will expand with the inclusion of the position of Assistant Principal, Staff and Administration. The role will incorporate some tasks from the other Leadership positions as well as some new tasks such as Professional Development and interviewing. This position has recently been filled by the appointment of Mr Ray Celegata. Ray is currently the Dean of Waterford Place at Gregory Terrace and will commence at St Pats in Term 1 2008.

Comments were made regarding the quality of the new Website. Some of the photos seem blurred, the P & F Constitution is not included and the P & F Minutes have not been downloaded this year. Michael Carroll will follow up on these concerns.

At the Chairs of Support meeting the following dates were set for 2008:

20 February – P & F Welcome night

15 March – St Patrick's dinner

17 May – Wine tasting

9 August – Parent and Son dinner

18 October – Wine tasting

P & F date claimers for 2008:

23 April – Parent information – studies skills

23 July – Parent information – suggested topic is internet security

2008 fundraising focus will be to assist towards the \$150 000 cost to air condition Callan Centre. It is proposed to conduct the Green and Gold again in 2008.

GREEN AND GOLD DRAWS

The drawer for August was conducted at the meeting.

The winner of the \$100 monthly prize was:

Number 056 – Johannessen Family

Next meeting: Wednesday 19 September 2007

MEETING CLOSED at 9.13 pm

Diane Hamill
President