



St Patrick's College – Parents and Friends Association

MINUTES OF MEETING - 23 April 2008

MEETING COMMENCED: 7.40pm

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: Dorothy Stone, Judy Kelly

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 March 2008 were presented. Diane Hamill moved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Denise Ryan. *Carried.*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: - Michelle McKerring – congratulations and thanks for organising a great Dinner Dance and offer of assistance
- Federation of P&F Association - newsletter

OUT: - Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Kelly

In the absence of the Treasurer Diane Hamill presented the report for April and moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Denise Ryan. *Carried*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Dr Michael Carroll

Building Update – A letter of intent was forwarded to F K Gardner & Sons with an anticipated start date of 12 May. Stage 1 expected completion is 27 January 2009 and Stage 2 is the end of Term 1, 2009. Potentially, the project could come in up to \$500,000 under budget.

The Back to Barossa Wine Tasting Evening is being held on 24 May, with invitations and advertising currently being organised.

The 2007 Year 12 results have recently been published in *The Courier Mail*. While St Patrick's results were excellent, the focus should now be on the future.

The rugby and soccer seasons have now commenced. Back to Shorncliffe Day is being held on Saturday, 3 May.

Shore to Gate raised \$31,285 with the funds used to upgrade the gym and change rooms.

16-20 expressions of interest have been received by parents and students interested in participated in a Kokoda Trek being organised by John Nalder.

Michael Carroll reported that following concerns raised at the previous P&F meeting regarding some boys playing sport in the wrong age group the school had investigated and this issue has now been rectified.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STUDENT FORMATION: David Gardiner

David Gardiner reported that the Shore to Gate and House BBQ was a good way to finish Term 1. The College would be participating in the local Sandgate Anzac Parade on Anzac Day.

Inter-house competition continues to be competitive, with points awarded for debating and cross country.

The College had adopted a 1 on 1 mentoring program for 30-40 boys to help improve their coping strategies, skills and attitudes.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM: Chris Campbell

Chris Campbell discussed the key academic directions of the College, including:

- ensuring enough is being done for the solid performers,
- the incorporation of higher order thinking into the curriculum,
- the introduction of a mentoring program
- laying analytical skills foundations in Years 5 – 7
- the role of Year 10

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION: Ray Celegato

There will be a range of professional development opportunities available for teaching staff. Also, the College will be undertaking to upskill teachers in order to improve their ability to teach higher order thinking skills.

A reminder that the College Open Day is scheduled for 28 May. Volunteers will be required to assist with the BBQ.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MISSION: Anthony Ryan

Anthony Ryan reported that there had been tremendous feedback from the recent parent-son retreat. A College Leadership Team retreat is now being planned for 17 May.

Fundraising activities to help finance the upcoming U16 Rugby and Soccer trip to Fiji include a raffle at the Back to Schorncliffe Day and a State of Origin fundraiser is planned for 21 May.

OTHER REPORTS:

Parent Support Group: Judy Kelly

2008 Entertainment Books are now available for sale from the Main office. A pie and muffin drive is being organised for Term 2 and in Term 3 Family Portraits are booked for 10 August. More information will be provided later in the year.

Sport Support Group: No report submitted.

Cultural Support Group: No report submitted.

Curlew Park Association: A reminder that a meeting has been organised for 6 May to discuss the future development of Curlew Park. Everybody is welcome to attend. Recent improvements at Curlew Park include installation of a 56,000 litre water tank, concreting around the new shed, and the fencing of the no. 1 oval. A working bee is also being planned.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Br Col commented that Term 1 was extremely hectic, particularly for new boys settling in. He suggested that the Year 8 camp could be delayed till later in the year.

A comment from the floor was raised concerning the need to re-vamp *The Calling*. Discussion then ensued on improvements that could be made, including increasing font size, less repetition of information, and the possibility of seeking sponsorship to cover the cost of its production. This led to a general discussion of the marketing potential and opportunities of the College as a whole.

Diane Hamill reported that the heads of all the support groups have commenced planning for the next St Patrick's Day Dinner Day. They are looking for ideas for catering, entertainment, etc.

Diane Hamill also advised that there are still only about 130 members of the Green and Gold Club and she proposed that the April draw be postponed and 2 draws would occur in May.

A reminder that the College Open Day is planned for 28 May. Helpers would be required to help with the BBQ and to advise the College Office if you are able to volunteer.

There is no P&F meeting scheduled for May, so the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 June 2008 at 7.30pm in the library.

MEETING CLOSED at 9.00 pm

Diane Hamill
President