



St Patrick's College – Parents and Friends Association

MINUTES OF MEETING – 24 October 2007

MEETING COMMENCED: 8.00pm

ATTENDANCE: 16 As per attendance Book

APOLOGIES: Cheryl Lange

Continued from Annual General Meeting

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of meeting from 19 September were presented. Dorothy Stone moved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. Seconded by Anne Stanton.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT:

IN:

1. Fundraising – Christmas T-shirts
2. Kluwell Publications – Reading books
3. The Federation of P&F Associations – Christmas Card
4. The Federation of P&F Associations – News in Brief – October issue

OUT: Nil

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

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS: Michael Carroll

Celebrations over the next few weeks include – Showcase, Co-curricular awards, Evening of Excellence, Farewell Assembly, and Senior Graduation.

Cameron Herpich, a parent at the College, is a Police officer and will be rostered to work at the Gold Coast during Schoolies. He has offered to speak with the Year 12 students and also has offered to give them his mobile phone number and is willing to also give his number to year 12 parents.

The budget process is under way and is looking healthy. It will be presented at a meeting with the Province leaders. The upgrade to the Saward building will probably begin in April 2008 and be completed for the beginning of the 2009 school year.

Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) will begin on 1 October and will be the National administrative arm of the Christian Brothers. The CEO will visit SPC in 2008. The Oceania Province for the Christian Brothers is based at Emmaus. While there are new faces, there will be few operational changes.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STUDENT FORMATION: David Gardiner

Shore to Gate was a good way to finish term 3 with \$27 643 was raised which was a fantastic effort with over 100 boys who raised over \$100.00 each. There were huge numbers of parents at both orientation evenings and the last social for the year. AIC athletics carnival was a great day with the College receiving positive feedback regarding behaviour and performances. The next Green and Gold day will fundraise to assist David Stewart and Brett Crookey with their trip to South Africa as part of Australia Alive. The College leaders have been announced for next year. The College Captain is Brett Crookey and the Vice

Captains are David Stewart, Cameron Hogg and Khaled Akbery. The house leader nominees will be interviewed shortly with the announcement of appointments to follow soon after.

The House Deans have been working well with the Rite of Passage for the Year 12 students. All houses and tutor groups have been sorted for 2008.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM: Chris Mayes

This is a short and busy term. Submissions have arrived back having been verified by panels. Six of the SPC subject submissions were chosen to send to state panels to demonstrate good practice. This is a very good reflection on the College. The Evening of Excellence is organized with a larger group of recipients than in the past. Four of the Year 12 students have achieved straight A's.

The Exchange students spoke on assembly about their experiences in America and Canada. The boys visiting SPC from North America will arrive on 20 January.

Year 10 students, who have chosen to study science subjects for years 11 and 12, have begun working in these subject areas this term. There is a strong focus on science for next year's year 11 students. Next year, the year 9 classes will be smaller, but there will be more of them. Not all students in year 9 next year will get their first choice of subjects. There will be 7 Shop A classes and even then, some students will miss out. The year 9 to 10 students will have more core selections. A letter will go home shortly outlining the options including SOSE and core science.

The Cista tests results, which were strong, should be posted home next week.

The due date for the book lists should be ignored for subjects that have not yet been finalized. The supplier will be advised when to expect to receive the orders.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MISSION: Anthony Ryan

The 2008 senior's theme will be launched at the year 11 Leadership retreat which will be held at Watson Park next Monday and Tuesday. All year 12 parents have received an invitation to the Evening of Excellence as College Captain, Dominic Stanton, has planned to include them in his address. The year 12 Final Assembly will be held on Monday 5 November and the Irish Piper has been booked to lead the seniors both in and out of Callan Centre. The Graduation Mass and Dinner will not only be a significant occasions but an emotional and great celebration for the outgoing students.

The Paddies Van has received a donation of 1 tonne of food from radio station 96.5FM. The donations that have been received have been via word of mouth. Judy Kelly and Terry McCarthy have agreed to speak at the Evening of Excellence.

OTHER REPORTS:

CURLEW PARK ASSOCIATION:

Brother Fitzgerald reported that a working bee is planned to assist with crowd control at Curlew Park during the football season.

PARENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Judy Kelly advised that a pie and lamington drive is this term's fundraiser. The photo venture was a good fundraiser, with a profit of \$380, and will be booked again for next year.

SPORT SUPPORT GROUP:

Terry McCarthy reported that the AGM will be held on 5 November. As a large number of the group is in their last year at the College, new blood will be required on the committee.

CULTURAL SUPPORT GROUP:

There will be a BBQ at Showcase and a gold coin donation on entry will assist with the hire of the big screen for the overflow on to the back oval.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Diane Hamill asked if the final proceeds for the St Patrick's Day Dinner had been announced.

The Bakers Delight package should arrive within the next week and would go home with the Calling as soon as available.

Profit from the Wine tasting dinner was \$500 and the cheque had been posted.

GREEN AND GOLD DRAW

The drawer for September was conducted at the meeting.

The winner of the \$100.00 monthly prize was:

Number 093 – David and Lisa Marshall

Next meeting will be held in the Morrissey Building on Wednesday 21 November 2007, followed by wine and cheese.

MEETING CLOSED at 8.35 pm

Diane Hamill
President