

St Bernadette's Primary School, Dundas Valley Parents and Friends (P&F) Association Meeting 15 May 2017

MINUTES

Present: Beth Nilan Alison Dellas Sonja Simpson Brenda Gaynor
Anthony Kensall Mary Elliott Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini Lisa Gerrard

Apologies: Caroline Burbridge Jenni Lampard Amanda Reicher Kate Hunter

1. The meeting opened at 7:35pm with a reflection and prayer dedicated to Mary.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Previous minutes were accepted by Alison Dellas and seconded by Beth Nilan.
- Sport Shorts – Lowes have sent a sample of the new shorts using microfibre material. There were no objections to these.
Girls ties – a sample of ties currently for sale at Lowes was handed around. It was agreed that is too big. Mary Ann will ask Lowes to change.
Excursion bag – Mary Ann showed the sample sent to her by Spartan. Feeling was that it was not suitable for younger students as it is very long, also difficult to close the bag. We currently have 22 of the old style bags in stock which must be sold before we change bag designs. Mary Ann will look at other bags.
- Robotics – Anthony advised that there has been a re-think on the Lego robotics package proposed at last meeting. The feeling is that the Edison kit version 1 is unsuitable, and there is a version 2 available. As this would be a big purchase and we want to get maximum use across all stages, Anthony would like to investigate further. Coding camp has started at school – would like to see how students respond to these lessons. Sonja mentioned that St Pats offered yr 9 STEM using robotics this year. She offered to contact the teacher for input on which system they use.

3. Treasurer's Report

Alison submitted the treasurer's report (attached)

4. School Banking report

Cathy submitted the CBA school banking report (attached)

5. Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence

Nil to report

6. Leadership Team Reports

Religion:

- Staff have received one on one professional training from CEO.
- Holy Communion for year 3 will be on June 11.
- St Bernadettes whole school mass & celebration was May 5.
- Mary led a celebration of the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.
- Social justice visit to Tebbutt Lodge for year 4 to celebrate Mothers day.

Maths:

- Staff have undergone professional learning provided by CEO focussing on multiplicative thinking.
- Anthony confirmed that there will be a maths info night next term, possibly literacy on the same night.

PDHPE:

- Our Cross country was held term 1 and we had a large squad attend Diocesan on 2 May.
- Stage 3 (y5 &6) soccer gala day will be held this term – girls next week and boys wk 7.
- Athletics carnival due to be held 19th May, however forecast is for rain. Back up date is 16 Jun.

Literacy:

- Staff development day 1st day of term 2 was devoted to literacy, focussing on model writing techniques in line with the literacy goal for this year – writing for a purpose and audience.
- Reading program giving extra practice for some students has begun. Thank you to the parents who give up an hour each week to provide this service.
- New readers have been purchased.
- NAPLAN was held last week

Building & Maintenance:

- A new sound system & school bell has been implemented.
- Mary Ann hopes to use the community building grant received for the pathway from the carpark to the playground during the next school holidays.
- The 5 new large screen TVs have been installed.
- Mary Ann advised that in anticipation of NAPLAN going online next year, the CEO have targeted certain schools, (based on a list of criteria) for a boost in technology items. As a result, St Bernadettes have received 60 Chrome books.
- Mary Ann would like to request funds for the purchase of charging bays for these chrome books. She will obtain costings. Beth advised that her husband Matt would be able to assist.

Other:

- There have been 27 interviews for Kindy 2018. Mary Ann has found that the best advertising the school receives is via word of mouth.
- Extra curricular activities:
Mary Ann looked into Dance Fever running classes, we had interest from 24 students, but minimum required was 30. Will look at again next year.
Coding Camp is running with approximately 12 students.
Mary Ann is interviewing a drama school and will see if there is any interest.

7. Activities since the last meeting

- Canteen - Pikelet day 28 Feb profit of \$166, Kindy St Pat's morning tea profit of \$378 & pizza meal deal 30 Mar profit of \$234
- Mother's Day stall run by Margaret Flitcroft had an overall profit of around \$1100.

8. Canteen

- Linda's Lunches are continuing.
- Upcoming canteen days: Subway at athletics carnival, Italian meal 30 May, Subway 16 Jun & Breaky for lunch 30 Jun

- Cathy advised that Subway rebate is not possible for the athletics carnival orders. This is due to Subway increasing their catering price and changing the catering pack to franchises. For the sake of convenience, we went ahead with the athletics carnival catering, but Jenni is liaising with Granville store to see whether it is worthwhile to continue to offer.

9. Parent Reps

Parent reps appear to be going well, correspondence is being forwarded from Beth with some classes having play dates during the holidays, parent dinners etc.

10. Working Bee and Gardening

Mary Ann advised that a working bee is not needed for this term.

11. Upcoming P&F Activities

Term 3 – PJ & Pizza night 11 Aug, Father's day stall 30 Aug, Father's day breakfast 1 Sep.

Term 4 – Disco 20 Oct, Family fun day 11 Nov

12. New items submitted for discussion

- The committee voted to approve small purchases made by the executive committee during the year for things such as catering supplies for working bees and other functions, and for gifts for departing teachers and flowers for teachers and staff to commemorate celebratory occasions and or in the event of bereavements.
- Beth will email parent reps to call for volunteers to co-ordinate the Father's Day Breakfast 1st Sep.
- Traffic management – Mary Ann contacted council last term to discuss ways to improve traffic and educate parents on safe drop off and pick ups from school. After much discussion, it was agreed that we should ask for rangers to do some patrols. Also, remove access to the centre spots in the church carpark at school pick up. Mary Ann will arrange.
- Mary Ann advised that last term CEO held a Principal Framework Meeting at the school. The process was a full day involving surveys for staff as well as interviews with staff, Fr Christopher, SRC and P&F committee members. Feedback received on the day was very positive. Mary Ann thanked the P&F and staff for their assistance – it is a collaborative effort to run a school and the advice received from the panel was “to keep doing what you are doing”!

Meeting closed 8:45pm