

St Bernadette's Primary School, Dundas Valley Parents and Friends (P&F) Association Meeting 26 October 2015 at 7:30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Barbara Young	Anthony Kensell	Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini	Carol Burleigh
Kerri Harrigan	Caroline Burbridge	Rachel Attwater	Alison Dellas
Amanda Reicher	Lucy Blacker	Vivian (Limin Wang)	Sonja Simpson (till 8pm)
Leah Hanchard			

Apologies:

Mel McAulay	Kate Hunter	Beth Nilan
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1. The meeting opened at 7:30pm with a prayer.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted by Carol Burleigh and seconded by Alison Dellas.

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report is attached.

4. Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence

Nil

5. Leadership Team Reports

Religion:

- Barbara advised the RE literacy assessments for Years 4 and 6 were completed end of Term 3.
- The peer voted St Francis awards for each class will be announced during mass on November 6.
- Busking day was very successful this year, raising approximately \$910 for the Manning Foundation.

PDHPE:

- Anthony advised that the netball gala day was held in term 3, we fielded 7 teams and had great success.
- The swimming program was held last 2 weeks of Term 3. Feedback from teachers and students is that this is a great way to finish off the term, and is much more enjoyable for all involved!
- The sporting program for Term 4 is run by "Dancefever". The children have taken to this very well and seem to be enjoying the routines.
- Swimming carnival will be held in week 6 of this term.

Professional Learning:

- Mary Ann advised that Anthony, Stephanie and Mary Ann have been involved in a creative writing workshop for primary.
- The staff development day on 6 October was in relation to the new history syllabus. Instead of being called HSIE, it will be called History and Geography.

Technology:

- The school will hold another 5c-a-thon this term. Money raised will go towards purchasing HD cameras for each classroom (cost of approximately \$80 each).

Building & Maintenance:

- The CAR was refurbished during the holidays with painting and new cupboards installed.
- The CEO has approved funding for landscaping near the flagpole. Mary Ann showed the meeting a plan of the proposed works. It will include some slides, a bridge and tiered steps/seating and a bridge. Work will begin in term 4, it is expected to take around 8 weeks to complete. Cost will be approximately \$79,000. There may be a shortfall for some artificial turf, which the school will supply.
- Mary Ann has submitted an application under the community builder's scheme for more artificial turf.

Other:

- Kindy orientation went well.
- The school is currently advertising for an RE Co-ordinator.

6. Activities since the last meeting

- Discussed Linda's Lunches. Orders/money now have to be submitted on Tuesday mornings only. The office has reported that this has not proved to be a problem. We have added some new items to the menu. Linda and Mary Ann are open to any suggestions the parent body may have. Carol will ask for feedback in the newsletters. It was agreed to run with Linda's Lunches next year.
- Other canteens held were snack day 13 Aug and rice meal deal 11 September.
- The Father's day breakfast was very well attended with parents, children and teachers enjoying the event. Michelle and Steve Jupp did a great job co-ordinating.
- Disco was a big hit with the children. Attendance was once again very good – approximately 173 children attended. Thank you to Louie Raish who did a great job as DJ and Jim Morley who supplied the lighting. Thanks to Naz and Victoria for co-ordinating the event.
- School banking is proving to be very popular (see report attached). We are looking for a second co-ordinator as a backup for Mel. Caroline Burbridge will think about this.

7. Sub Committee reports

- Events Committee – Open Air Cinema will be held on 20 November. Sonja raised a question over the ticket pricing, pointing out that if singles are \$5 each, it may be more beneficial for a family of 4 to purchase single rather than family tickets. Also, any provision for families under financial stress. This will be discussed at Friday's subcommittee meeting. Discussed pre-ordering of food which was well received. There was some concern over potential wet weather scenario. Mary Ann had approached St Pat's and been advised that Y10 exams are held during that week, but we would be able to use the LaValla Centre so long as the tables/chairs were set up again. However, Mary Ann would like to have a backup date available ie, any week day evening, at St Bernadettes. Mel will contact the movie company to ascertain whether this is possible.
- Grants Committee – Mary Ann is handling applications.
- Mothers/Father's day stall – Father's Day stall went well, thanks to Margaret Flitcroft for co-ordinating.

8. Canteen

- P&F canteen – there will be a pizza meal deal on 6 November and ice cream day on 15 December.

9. Parent Reps

- It was nice to have the Kindy 2016 parent rep, Leah Hanchard, present at the meeting. Other parent reps for 2016 will be called for at the parent info nights.

10. Working Bee and Gardening

- The advertised date of the working bee ie, Saturday 7 November was not well received by those present at the meeting. Saturdays are very difficult for parents due to sporting commitments and there was concern that no one would attend. Mary Ann advised that Father preferred a Saturday, hence the change from the traditional Sunday. It was confirmed that no one present at the meeting would be able to attend the Saturday, however could make Sunday the 8th. Mary Ann agreed to look at changing the date to the Sunday.
- Caroline Burbridge volunteered her husband as a potential co-ordinator – change of date needs to be confirmed with Caroline.

11. Upcoming P&F Activities

- After much discussion over allocation of existing P&F funds, it was agreed to wait until Term 1 2016 to distribute same. There was some confusion over how much money was available (we are waiting for term 3 levy to come in) and where it should be directed. Technology and Maria's readers are top of the list.

12. New Items submitted for discussion

- Lucy Blacker submitted a request for a potential new sound system in the CAR. Lucy and her 3 boys have hearing aids. They all find it very difficult to hear and understand what goes on at assembly. The issue is both clarity and volume. Apparently the FM systems used in the classrooms would not be appropriate in the CAR. Lucy has spoken with Jim Morley who may be able to give some advice. Mary Ann confirmed that the existing system is fairly basic and could probably do with updating. Other parents present agreed that it could be difficult at times, to hear children and/or teachers with or without the microphone at assembly. A new system would benefit everyone, not just those with hearing loss. Mary Ann will follow up with Lucy to ascertain exactly what the requirements of a new improved system would be and obtain some advice and quotations.
- Sonja asked whether there are plans to be involved in Captivate next year – Mary Ann will see what is available.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.