

St Bernadette's Primary School, Dundas Valley Parents and Friends (P&F) Association Meeting 3 August 2015 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Barbara Young	Anthony Kensell	Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini	Claire Scott
Alison Dellas	Sonja Simpson	Carol Burleigh	Cathy Nagy

Apologies:

Mel McAulay	Steve Jupp	Amanda Reicher	Kate Hunter
Beth Nilan	Bridget Shadforth		

1. The meeting opened at 7:35pm with a prayer

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted by Sonja Simpson and seconded by Alison Dellas.

Mary Ann advised that Lowes has been contacted over the quality of zippers on jackets. Any problems with any item of clothing should be referred to the store where the purchase was made, for repair or replacement. At the Carlingford store, parents should ask to speak with Katie who will be able to assist. A note to this effect shall go in the newsletter.

3. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report is attached.

4. Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence

Nil

5. Leadership Team Reports

Religion:

- Barbara advised that class liturgies appear to have been well received by parents with great attendance. These will continue this semester.
- Mandatory religion literacy assessments are currently underway for years 4 to 6. St Bernadettes also conduct these for K-3.
- Father Christopher's 25th anniversary celebrations will include a Whole School Mass on Friday 7 August with a Parish mass and supper Tuesday 11 August at 7:00pm.

PDHPE:

- The athletics carnival was finally held this term.
- The Diocesan zone carnival which will have 35 students from the school attending will be held on Tuesday 4 August.
- Soccer gala days for boys and girls (finally) have been held.
- Netball gala day is coming up – we will field 7 teams.
- The swimming program will run at SOPAC during weeks 9 and 10.

Professional Learning:

- Barbara advised that the recent staff development day at Mary McKillop Place in North Sydney was very rewarding for the staff.
- Staff have been involved in professional development of writing for K-2. Primary will receive the benefits this term.
- The new History syllabus is due to be implemented next year. Due to an information session relating to this, which is scheduled for after 24th August, it has been decided to defer the staff development day until 6 October.

Technology:

- Mary Ann had hoped to have a final figure for monies collected during the math-a-thon, but this was unavailable. The math-a-thon seems to have been a hit with the children. Many interesting problems were posed to students with lots of strategies deployed in obtaining solutions.

Building & Maintenance:

- The CAR re-vamp will involve new cupboards and painting. It is hoped that this work will happen over the next school holidays.
- Mary Ann has obtained designs and quotations for a planned landscaping of the slope near the flagpole. Ideas include decking around the tree, a slide, plantings and maybe a bridge!
- The school will submit a grant application for some artificial turf through the community building scheme.

Other:

- Kindy enrolments have now closed with an expected class size of 30.
- A Peer Review was held last week. Schools are given one month's notice of the upcoming review, then one week's notice of which grade and two KLAs will be targeted. This year it was years 3 and 4 for Maths and Religion. There were 3 other schools involved in our peer review meeting. Teachers who attended were Miss Steph, Miss Carly, Miss Kerrie and Mrs Zammit. Mary Ann advised that the teachers were very well prepared and gave great presentations, resulting in some of the other schools asking to implement some of our procedures.
- A Cybersafety information session was held at the school. Teachers, students and parents each attended separate presentations.
- Extra curricular - The school currently participates in the choral singing element of CAPTIVATE, however negotiations are underway for our students to audition for the dance component.
- Voice of Youth for year 6 was held last week.

6. Activities since the last meeting

- Canteen – Subway orders during term 2 resulted in a profit to the school of \$465. Healthy morning tea run by Carmelina & Naz was a great success.
- The Pizza & PJs movie night was well attended. Parking was an issue which would need to be addressed next time.
- School banking is proving to be very popular. Mel is always looking for any parent volunteers to assist in checking/taking deposits on a Thursday morning between 8:30 and 9:00am.

7. Sub Committee reports

- Events Committee – The planning for this event is underway. Volunteers will be called for closer to the event.
- Grants Committee – Mary Ann is handling applications.

- Mothers/Father's day stall – All of the ordering for the father's day stall has now been completed.

8. Canteen

- Linda's Lunches – This appears to be working quite well. Linda is very pleased with how organised our orders are. The orders are delivered on time and there has been good feedback on the variety and quality of the food.
- P&F canteen – there will be a snack day on 13th August and a rice day on 11th September.

9. Parent Reps

Nil to report.

10. Working Bee and Gardening

It was agreed to schedule a working bee for early term 4.

11. Upcoming P&F Activities

- Father's day breakfast will be 4th September. Steve Jupp will co-ordinate this event. Sonja suggested that the P&F look at purchasing a bain marie for keeping food warm on the day.
- Disco 23 Oct will be organised by year 3 - Naz Bedwani and Victoria Coster have volunteered to co-ordinate.
- It was agreed that the following funds should be allocated:
 - \$250 as a gift for Father Christopher's 25th anniversary
 - \$8,000 donated to the school for use in the purchase of technology (Macbooks or the like)

12. New Items submitted for discussion

- Balls for schoolyard games – can these be provided by the school? It was agreed that "my ball, my rules" can be difficult for children in the playground. Therefore, staff will have the children compile school rules for games such as handball and soccer. These rules will be printed up and displayed for reference by students. The school is happy to provide balls for play, but would like to trial the rules with children's own balls first.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.