

St Bernadette's Primary School, Dundas Valley Parents and Friends (P&F) Association Meeting 31 October 2016

MINUTES

Present: Leah Hanchard Allison Dellas Carol Burleigh Cathy Nagy
Sonja Simpson Maria Rennie Amanda Reicher Lisa Gerrard
Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini

Apologies: Caroline Burbridge Beth Nilan Kate Hunter Angela Shehadie
Anthony Kensell Mary Elliott

1. The meeting opened at 7:40 with a prayer.

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- The previous minutes were accepted by Alison Dellas and seconded by Carol Burleigh.
- Tuning of the piano in the hall – Leah provided Mary Ann with details of the person she uses to tune the pianos at her music school. Mary Ann will obtain a quote.
- P&F audit – this has been completed, we are now waiting for the books to be returned to look at any recommendations. This should happen in the next couple of weeks.
- Outdoor furniture – Mary Ann has purchased 4 sets of aluminium picnic style tables and chairs. She will also purchase 2 outdoor storage cupboards, some lego base boards (lego pieces have been donated) and curved aluminium benches for the rose garden. Cost for this will be approximately \$13,585.50. The committee approved funds to cover these items. Mary Ann advised that final amount received from Olympathon was just under \$4000. She will use this money to cover new line marking on the playground.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Alison Dellas presented the Treasurer's report (attached). As the books are still with the auditor, Alison advised that figures may be slightly out.

4. **School Banking report**

The School banking report was provided by Cathy Nagy (attached).

5. **Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence**

Nil to report.

6. **Leadership Team Reports**

Religion:

- RLAs have been completed.
- Busking day as a part of St Bernadettes social justice program has been held with a healthy amount raised for the Manning Foundation.
- Class liturgies have been held with one more to come this term for Y2.

- The Mercy cross and relics will be hosted by St Bernadettes on Wed in week 5. There will be a liturgy in the Church to celebrate.
- There is a whole school mass on Friday 4 Nov.

PDHPE:

- The swimming program was completed last term
- School swimming carnival will be held on 18 Nov.
- Dance Fever is underway for children this term which is once again being enthusiastically received by the children.

Professional Learning:

- Goals for 2017 are being formed at present. This year there was a focus on comprehension in scripture, maths and literacy.
- Literacy goal is looking to include writing goals. To this end, Sonja wondered whether the TEEL format used at St Patrick's Marist Dundas as a scaffold for essay writing could be considered. Mary Ann will look into this.

Building & Maintenance:

- The new sound system in the hall for hearing impaired students and visitors has been installed.
- Phones in all classrooms have been installed.

Other:

- Kindy Orientation/transition has occurred. Mary Ann advises that enrolment for K 2017 currently stands at 25 students.
- Mary Ann advised that Dianna Hales will be leaving at the end of the year.

7. Activities since the last meeting

- P&F held the following events; Disco 9 Sep, Father's Day stall and breakfast. Trivia night on Saturday 29 Oct was run by the Rennie family and Angela Shehadie. Everyone present attended and congratulated Maria on a well run night which was lots of fun!
- Canteen days held were snack day on 25 Aug, rice meal day 15 Sep and ice cream day 27 Oct.

8. Canteen

- Linda's Lunches – numbers are still low. Carol will see whether Linda wishes to continue next year.
- Upcoming canteen days – snack day 24 Nov and ice cream day 15 Dec.
- Maria asked whether we could make the ice cream day on the final day of term a free canteen? P&F have enough funds and it would be nice to give back to children/families. Committee agreed this was a good idea.

9. Parent Reps

Carol advised that a rep for Kindy has been appointed and a pre-school play date arranged along with tea & tissues.

10. Working Bee and Gardening

Frank has requested a working bee for this term. There is a large amount of broken furniture in the storeroom and he has asked for a skip and assistance to remove. Mary Ann would also like some cupboards lowered. Sonja Simpson volunteered to co-ordinate. After some discussion about dates,

Amanda suggested that maybe a Friday evening between 5 and 7pm might suit families better than a weekend. Committee agreed and a tentative date of 25 Nov was suggested.

11. Upcoming P&F Activities

- Other than canteen, no further P&F activities for this term.

12. New items submitted for discussion

- Lisa has been approached by a parent with a request to look at a new hat for students. Melrose Park Public School have a reversible bucket hat – 1 side school colours with logo, other side the child's house colour. Would the school be interested in considering? Committee felt it was a good idea. Carol Burleigh will follow up with Lowes to see if they could supply.
- Caroline Burbridge has raised the issue of uniform tidiness and consistency. Could the school perhaps look at clarifying and reinforcing the correct uniform attire ie, style and lengths of socks, hair accessories etc along with acceptable hair styles and jewellery. She is disappointed in the lack of uniform pride displayed. Committee members agreed that this is becoming an issue once again. Mary Ann will follow up.
- Car parking around school. Some residents have alerted the school that driveways are being blocked by parents parking to pick up children after school. In particular, Cox Crescent is a difficult street to traverse during pick up and drop off and inconsiderate drivers are making it even harder. Mary Ann will follow up.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm