

St Bernadette's Primary School, Dundas Valley Parents and Friends (P&F) Association Meeting 7 August 2017

MINUTES

Present: Beth Nilan Alison Dellas Sonja Simpson Brenda Gaynor
Anthony Kensell Simone Farago Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini Claire Scott
Margaret Flitcroft Jenni Lampard Cathy Nagy

Apologies: Caroline Burbridge Lisa Gerrard Amanda Reicher Kate Hunter
Carol Burleigh Souzan Nakhoul Virginia Mapagu

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

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Previous minutes were accepted by Alison Dellas and seconded by Beth Nilan.
- Bollards are being used in the carpark to prevent the middle spots from being used. This has resulted in less chaos at school pick up.
- Mary Ann has ordered one charging bay to trial with the Chrome books. If satisfactory, 4 in total will be needed at a cost of \$4000.
- Robotics kits – Anthony is still investigating which system would best suit our schools needs.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Alison submitted the treasurer's report (attached). Simone has requested that the cheque for Year 6 graduation be provided ASAP. Alison will draw it up this week.

4. **School Banking report**

Cathy submitted the CBA school banking report (attached)

5. **Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence**

Letter received from Subway apologising for supply at athletics carnival. They have compensated the school.

6. **Leadership Team Reports**

Religion:

- Learning intentions have been adopted based on Senses of Scripture
- Class liturgies have been held for Years 1, 3 and 6
- RLA for years 4-6 will occur in Term 3
- Staff are undertaking professional learning
- Holy Communion took place in Term 2 and confirmation for Year 6 will be Term 3
- Happy Helpers day (tinned food for Manning Foundation) is 8 August
- There will be a visit to Tebbutt Lodge this term for Father's Day
- Year 6 are having a fundraiser in Week 9 or 10 Term 3, proceeds to go to the renal unit at the Children's Hospital

- September is the 100 year anniversary of our Lady of Fatima

PDHPE:

- Athletics carnival was held Term 2
- Zone carnival to be held 8 Aug – we are sending a squad of 37 children
- Stage 3 soccer gala was held earlier this term
- Netball gala day is 22 August – we have 8 teams
- St Patrick’s sports days for years 4-6 begin Wed 9 August, 3 week program from 9:00am to 11:00am
- Swimming program will be held in Week 9 and 10 this term

Maths:

- Staff have undergone professional development on multiplicative thinking
- Inservice was held for staff on “Bar Model” method, which is a visual aid for ratio, money and fraction problems

Literacy:

- Mary Ann organised for the SES, Police and Fire to visit the school. This visit has been used as stimulus for “writing for purpose and an audience”
Readers have been purchased – novels and picture books

Building & Maintenance:

- The path from the carpark to the playground will be done over the next holidays
- Mary Ann has put in for another grant to cover an awning between the demountable and the main school building

Other:

- Staff have attended a course on PBL (project based learning)
- Staff have attended a NAPLAN online information session in readiness for NAPLAN to go online in 2019
- St Bernadette’s have registered for the Woolies “earn and learn” program which began end July

7. Activities since the last meeting

- Canteen days
 - Italian meal deal 30 May. Everyone commented on how large the serves were. Jenni advised that Linda was most apologetic for late delivery.
 - Subway at athletics carnival. Meals were received late and pizza had to be ordered. Subway have since compensated school.
 - Brekky for lunch and snack days were well received by the students.

8. Canteen

- Linda’s Lunches are continuing. Numbers are averaging around 40
- Upcoming canteen day for Term 3 - Rice meal deal to be held 21 September

9. Parent Reps

Queries from parent reps:

Skoolbag app – have had some trouble submitting absentee form to school. Beth advised that there have been some issues with notifications etc. Suggested re downloading the app.

Vegie garden – is there one? Mary Ann advised that re-planting will occur in Spring. Which classes tend the vegie garden depends on each year's program for the term.

Friendship Bench – this was raised as a possible idea for students?

School attendance – Margaret Flitcroft raised the issue of school calling parents to check on absentees each day. The legal requirement is that a note confirming absence is sent to school within 7 days. High schools call/text parents if their child is marked absent during roll call. Is a similar system possible at St Bernadettes? If a student has gone missing on the journey to school or is playing truant, it is too late by school pick up. Mary Ann will look into this.

10. Working Bee and Gardening

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

11. Upcoming P&F Activities

Movie night – 11 August. Jenni advised that the committee decided to supply pizzas to the children using money received from Subway.

Father's Day stall – Margaret Flitcroft advised that most ordering has been done.

Disco – Margaret advised that planning is underway.

Family Fun Day – Beth advised that the recent meeting was not well attended. Jenni had attended the meeting and advised that low attendance was quite disheartening. This event was therefore referred back to the P&F meeting to define its purpose. After discussion, it was agreed that it should be for the school community. Maybe the children could perform their Dance Fever dances? Run the BBQ, sell drinks, and small items from the canteen (fairy floss etc), have jars for gold coin donations to participate in games? ie, tug of war (parents vs kids, parents vs teachers, teachers vs kids etc), egg & spoon races (there are outdoor games in the storage shed). Maybe even some raffles? Make it more of a family picnic. This will be put back to the committee, with a call going out for more assistance. Jenni then advised of other ideas for fund raising ie, Father/daughter dance, mother/son scavenger hunt, "spirit night" where parents have a night out at a club and the club gives 10% of proceeds to the school, Barefoot bowls, book a cinema for families with a cut of the profits being given to the school.

Sonja asked whether there is a financial need for more funds? At present, the school has enough resources and the grounds are well maintained, recent grants have contributed to new play equipment, artificial turf etc.

12. New items submitted for discussion

- Father's Day breakfast – Grace Tallaridi and Bec Phelan have volunteered to co-ordinate.
- Election day BBQ/stall – parent reps asked whether they could put this out to classes. Beth agreed, but we need to know ASAP whether anyone is willing to co-ordinate. If not, this will not go ahead.
- Principal Award bumper stickers – Sonja knows of a school who hands out "student of the week" bumper stickers. This is a good way of advertising the school. Jenni suggested magnets.
- Canteen working bee – Jenni would like to see the canteen freshened up. Suggested new bench tops, better storage options for clothing pool and canteen items, repaint the walls, provide rubbish bins, paper towels etc. Margaret also commented on the P&F storage cupboard – this needs to be reconfigured with shelving.

Sonja advised that the P&F had previously looked at updating the kitchen, however if we call it a "canteen", then we need to comply with health and safety guidelines. This proved to be too costly. If we were to call it a "P&F multipurpose room" or similar maybe we don't have to comply with guidelines. Mary Ann will look into this.

- U-Turn signs on school fences – Caroline Burbridge raised the idea of a banner she has seen at Melrose Park (Cathy took a photo which she showed the meeting) about making a u-turn in a school zone. This is a big problem at school drop off. Cathy advised that there are fines and a loss of

demerit points for this, along with a range of other offences during school times. Ryde council issue these banners to schools in their area. Hornsby council have handouts regarding road rules during school zones, along with signs for kiss and ride, parking etc to affix to school fences. Parramatta council does not appear to have any signs etc available. Great idea offered – maybe we could issue new drive thru signs; child's name on the front, demerit/fine amounts on the back for u-turn, parking etc.

- COSHC – Claire advised that COOSH are very short on casual spots. May be worth letting the school community know.

Meeting closed 9:06pm