



Saint Maria Goretti's Catholic School

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting dated 25th February 2022

1. Welcome and Prayer

Darren McDonald

Meeting Opened 0908am

2. Attendance and Apologies

2.1 Attendance:

Darren McDonald, Andrew Gaudoin, Nicole Yee, Natalia Vollrath-Hale, Merle Yee-Moscufo, Evita Footman, Jayne Aland, Ewelina Kolpa, Melanie Markmann, Michelle Urquhart, Hayley Cline

2.2 Apologies:

Lhasa Hatch, Allana Edwards-Gaunt, Ria Rinaldi, Rae Jas, Ryoko Jennings, Bronwyn Mortimer, Tarryn Jones, Clare Whitbread, Lara Blacker

3. Minutes of Meeting

16th November 2021

3.1 Accepted:

Natalia Vollrath-Hale

Seconded:

Evita Footman

4. Correspondence

4.1 In:

a) Confirmation that inter school t-shirts have been delivered 10th February 2022

4.2 Out:

None

5. Reports

5.1 President: _____ Nicole Yee

Welcome everyone to our first meeting. It is good to be able to meet despite the Covid conditions. We met just after the holidays with the outgoing executive for them to pass on their knowledge and wisdom. We also met with Darren to discuss the events that we might hold this year, for example, such as Grandparents Day, Crazy Socks day. The focus we will have as a committee is on things that our children will enjoy and to promote the school community. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be class reps. The idea is that each year group will take ownership of an event throughout the year. We have 6 pre primary parents volunteering to help with Shrove Tuesday. We don't have any kindy reps at the moment but as a kindy parent, I will try to find volunteers. We have one Year one rep currently and two for every other year. There has been a Covid effect on the events already, for example, we weren't able to hold the sundowner. Hopefully we can hold a similar event later in the year.

List of parent reps

Kindy

Melanie Markmann

Pre-Primary

Ria Rinaldi
Ryoko Jennings

Year 1

Lhasa Louise

Year 2

Hayley Cline
Allana Edwards-Gaunt

Year 3

Lara Blacker
Clare Whitbread

Year 4

Rae Jas
Ewelina Kolpa

Year 5

Tarryn Jones
Bronwyn Mortimer

Year 6

5.2 Treasurer Evita Footman

From the colour run, we made a profit of \$647.11.

The Christmas concert raised \$277.67

The bake sale raised \$1011.16, which went towards the cost of the Year 6 graduation (which cost a total of \$1174.50).

In relation to items on the wish list \$3,256 was used to pay for the school polo's, \$3300.04 for the garden shed, and \$1613.99 went towards resource items.

Our current account balance is \$23,562.10

5.3 Principal: Darren McDonald

Catholic Identity

Jan 27 – Staff gathered for a liturgy to start the school year

Jan 28 – Leadership and new staff attended a commissioning at the cathedral with the Bishop

Jan 29 – Staff were to open with a combined Mass at Notre Dame and be commissioned but it was cancelled due to covid. We will gather and commit when the time is right.

Feb 15 – Year 6 had a class liturgy with Father Quynh in lieu of our whole school liturgy. Other classes will follow in subsequent weeks.

Feb 17 – A meeting last evening with Father and Notre Dame staff in regard to first reconciliation was held. Details of this will run will be released.

Feb 22 – Father held a liturgy of the word with year three to help prepare them for First Reconciliation.

Teaching and Learning .

Feb 1 – All classes were set up and ready to go in line with our Walker Learning Approach.

Feb 2 – Feb 11 – Swimming Lessons took place at Belmont Leisure centre

Feb 14 – Our Physed teacher Mr Nardelli has initiated the daily fitness concept from year 1-6 this week. They come out 3 times a week for 10 minutes and participate in activities to promote general fitness for our students. It is run by our year 6 leaders and supervised by staff. So far so good.

Staff are also ready for online learning when it is required.

Community

Unfortunately new restrictions in regards to schools have not enabled community events that were scheduled to be held.

Trying to work around it, meetings with parent bodies (Advisory Council and P&F have been scheduled off site).

Assemblies will be digital until otherwise advised two lots of Gift recognition awards have happened in the classrooms.

Footy tipping has been advertised and has been taken on by Tracey Viner.

I have met with the P&F exec and they have many things scheduled, but everything is a wait and see at the moment.

Welcome Morning Tea for new parents will be held offsite today as will an information session for prospective parents.

A playground Addition on the Morrison St side of the oval, organised by Andrew Gaudoin and Paid for by the P&F is looking fantastic as it comes together.

Stewardship

Jan 27 and Jan 28 – All staff attended workshops involving our code of conduct, Covid Processes, Staff handbook, Diverse Needs Students, Annual Action Plan, First Aid refresher and Assessment and Reporting.

Committees have been formed for the catering of Gifted and talented Students, Numeracy, Behaviour Management, Community Outreach, Aboriginal Education and Staff Well Being

New Staff were professional development in regard to Walker Learning before School started.

Our next Professional development day is on March 4 and pertains to Restorative practice as we begin to revise our Behaviour Management Plan.

Santelli's architects are currently working on Drawings to reconfigure and cost a new car park with Permission from CEWA.

Feb 18 – School Advisory Council Meeting was held at Swan River Hotel
Mr Michael Toth appointed as our new Finance Officer

Feb 21 – Leaders Forum was held via teams and Arch Bishop Costello and Bishop Holohan discussed the importance of Catholic education today. There was also much work on Covid Protocols.

Thank you to the new executive who have stepped up. They are enthusiastic. We value the committee and the work they do.

5.4 Board: Natalia Vollrath – Hale

Because we didn't have another P & F volunteer for this position, I am continuing in this position.

We had a traffic assessment done, and our school is not the biggest contributor to traffic. Traffic contributors include traffic coming to and from the DFO and Costco, and will increase with the train station. The traffic issue is going to get worse, so there is a push for a reconfiguration of the carpark.

It has been better this week, as parents are following the new schedule for pick up.

Regular volunteers at school have to do a mandatory reporting, and police clearance.

There was a discussion about the playground at the last board meeting.

The inter-school shirts have been given to Daniel Nardelli

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1 Administrative Manual - carry it over until the next meeting

7. New Business

7.1 Change of signatories to the P & F

We are adding Natalia as a signatory and removing Michelle.

7.2. Event planning - year group allocations

Shrove Tuesday will be held on 1 March.

Crazy Hair Day is scheduled in for second term with Year 2 to be in charge of it.

If you have any other events that you think would be suitable, please let committee know. We have tentatively scheduled events for year groups to be organised.

Looking at doing a Harmony day later in year, Bake Sale, Fathers Day campout and possibly a junior school disco.

We are thinking of making the Fathers Day and Mothers Day stalls with digital payments this year.

7.3 Easter egg raffle and hat parade t

To be held on 7th April. We have some flyers to come out and are looking at doing raffle tickets online for this. We will have donations in by 25th March so there is time for raffle to be organised. If there is height of restrictions, kids can still come out one class at time.

7.4 Pebble pieces of me

The idea is that every student gets a pebble and they paint it, and it gets integrated into the school somewhere. It would be a way of commemorating students in a long lasting way, as a legacy of them. This could also be a way of making the playground more colourful.

We could also do pickets instead of pebbles. The pebbles could be used in the new playground.

Might need to consider whether to add to it each year.

So it doesn't need to be pebbles but this is just the starting idea.

It could be in the indigenous garden if it is culturally appropriate.

It could just be done with the Year 6 group and this is part of their leaving contribution. Then each new Year 6 group could add to it.

Have to decide whether it should be paid for by the P & F or by the individual parents.

We have to work out how new shed will be decorated.

7.5 P & F New logo competition

The students can submit their ideas for a new P & F logo competition.

As a P & F, we need to decide what the logo needs to stand for and then ask the kids to create their own logos based on this. The best judged logo will become the new logo.

Discussion as to the 100th year celebration for SMG, when it will be.

7.6 School Fete

Natalia had an informal chat with Rae Jas, who was in charge of last fete committee. If we want to have a fete next year, then we need to ask people if they would like to be on a committee by mid next year.

Each year group last time had a stall and then we also had community stalls. Each community stall paid \$40 for a bay.

The year group stalls were game stalls, not sure whether they worked well or whether we should try a different approach this time.

The Year 6s ran a stall last year to raise money for community missions, and that was really good so maybe we can incorporate that.

We also had rides and petting zoo and sporting areas.

It was a lot of work and the committee was also very small. But it is considered to be worth the time and effort for the amount of money raised and enjoyment of it.

We need to start early and have a cross section of the community doing it. It is less about making money and more about the community coming together and doing something. These sorts of events are memorable.

It is about people coming to the school and seeing what the school does.

7.7 Staff have been given a wishlist of things they would like. One of those things that has already been flagged is flood lighting for the oval. Would also like to upgrade other sporting uniforms such as netball, football etc.

Once the wishlist has been made, it will go to the advisory committee to approve and ratify the items they think are appropriate.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 9am - venue tbc

9. Closing

Meeting closed at 0954am