

Board Chairman Report for the 2017 SMG Catholic School Board Annual School Community Meeting

Good evening and thank you for attending the SMG Catholic School Board Annual School Community Meeting.

Registering your attendance is important. Please record your name in the register and the name of anyone offering their apology.

I would like to formally open the meeting at 5:34pm.

Item 1

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wjadjuk (Wad-juk) people of the Noongar (Nyung-are) Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land that we're meeting on today, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Item 2

I would now invite an opening prayer read by Fr Quynh.

Thankyou Fr Quynh.

Item 3

Per Section 9.2 of the Catholic School Board Constitution ("the Constitution"), the purpose of this meeting is:

- (a) the election in the manner provided for in this clause of persons as members of the Board for the next two year period;
- (b) the presentation of a report by the Board chairman; and
- (c) the presentation of a budget for the ensuing year.

The remaining order of business for the meeting will be:

Item 4 Acceptance of the 2016 AGM minutes & business arising

Item 5 A report by the current Board chairman to the School community on the operation of the Board during the preceding 12 months. The Board will make the report available to the School Community via the school website;

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Item 6 An announcement of the criteria for Board membership, as stated in Section 8.1 of this Constitution;

Item 7 Voting for the election of members to the Board; and

Item 8 Announcement of the names of the new members of the Board.

Item 9 Treasurer's report

Item 10 Chair closing

Item 4

Review of the 2016 AGM meetings and acceptance

Noting there was no business arising.

Move that the 2016 minutes be accepted

Seconded by: Simone Roney

Item 5

Chairman's Report for the 2017 activities

Expenditure

Musical Instruments	\$5,000 (donation received from the P&F)
Airconditioners for PP & Playgroup	\$39,000 (CCI claim \$5,000 for the Playgroup a/c)
Additional Salto locks	\$11,500
Robotics Kits	\$9,000
Ride on mower	\$29,400
CDP Stage 13	\$2,956,000
CDP Stage 12	\$1,075,000

There are ongoing financial reviews throughout the year which include budgets, review of actual financial performance in comparison to budget and mid-year budgets. A Finance sub-committee reviews all financial issues in detail and provides reports and recommendations to the full Board.

Item 6

Criteria for Board Membership

In accordance with Section 8.1 of the Constitution, criteria for membership of the Board shall be:

- (a) possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board;
- (b) a deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff;
- (c) a desire to give service to the Catholic School Community;
- (d) a keenness to promote Catholic schooling;
- (e) an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board; and
- (f) a sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

Item 7

Voting for the election of members

The Board comprises:

- The Principal (Ex Officio)
- The Parish Priest (Ex Officio)
- Between 4-6 persons elected according to the established process
- P&F Representative
- Optionally up to 2 co-opted members

All non-Ex Officio positions are elected members for a 2 year period.

The non-Ex Officio current members are:

Danny Penny

Anthony Pickburn

Glenn Richmond

Erica May

Chris Casale

Jeff McCulloch

Karen Wellman is the P&F Representative

Erica May, Chris Casale and myself have completed our 2-year term. Danny Penny has also resigned from the Board.

Erica May has renominated, Chris Casale and myself have not renominated for election.

I would like to sincerely thank both Danny and Chris for their extensive service to the school. Danny's guidance and wisdom has been invaluable, particularly on issues relating to our indigenous programs. Chris has been our Treasurer and provided very professional insights into the school finances. It has been a privilege to work with gentlemen of this calibre and dedication. From myself and on behalf of the Board and the school community, a huge thankyou to Danny and Chris.

After taking into account the current members stepping down and the member up for re-election, we have four (4) elected member positions vacant. Two (2) current members continue on into the 2nd year of their 2 year term.

Voting for the election of members to the Board:

We have received two nominations by the closing date. The nominees are:

Erica May

Simone Northcott

Thankyou to the nominees for your willingness to provide service to SMG.

It is taken that all candidates meet the Board Membership Criteria unless anyone has any objection. Are there any objections?

< Objections will be assessed by the SMG School Principal and he shall determine if the nominee(s) is eligible for Membership >

Consistent with Catholic Education Commission Policy all members of the School Board are required to undertake a 100 Point National Police History Check which is undertaken at the School's expense.

Item 8

Announcement of the names of the new members of the Board.

On the basis that there are no objections, please welcome:

Simone Northcott and Erica May are elected unopposed, please welcome them both back to the Board.

The 2018 elected members are:

Anthony Pickburn

Glenn Richmond

Erica May

Simone Northcott

The P&F will provide a board representative.

The Principal, Martin Barrett and Parish Priest, Father Michael Quynh Do are also full Board members.

Item 9 Treasurer's Report

Chris Casale is now invited to present the Treasurer's report.

- a. 2018 School fees
- b. The proposed budget for 2018 is under development and is presented as a draft budget only.

I move to have the Treasure's report accepted

Seconded by: Alison Ryan

Item 10 Closing remarks

This completes the formalities of the SMG School Board AGM.

In closing I would like to thank the current Board for their hard work throughout the year. There have been many challenges and I commend you all for your hard work and dedication to the school and most importantly for always putting the students of SMG first. Most of

your work is invisible to the school community so please accept my sincere thanks on behalf of the SMG community.

I would also like to thank all of the staff at SMG. Your dedication and professionalism is unequalled. Thankyou for your commitment to nurturing and educating our children.

A special thanks to the Admin staff, Marion and Sharon not only for your service to the Board but to the professional and efficient running of the school. Sharon and Marion go beyond the normal call of duty and keep the school not just functioning but running smoothly, efficiently and harmoniously. Thankyou so much.

Thankyou to Liz O'Meara for her hard work in the canteen and uniform shop.

Thankyou also to Fr Quynh for his tireless work both in the school and the parish.

I would also like to thank the cleaning and grounds maintenance team, Paul and Jane. Their hard work and dedication results in our school being well presented, in good working order and safe. No mean feat given the construction challenges.

I would also like to commend the P&F for their hard work and brilliant fund raising. The P&F members work tirelessly throughout the entire year to raise funds that benefit the students. On behalf of the students, a huge thankyou!

To our Year 6 students that are graduating and leaving the SMG family, we thankyou for your leadership this year and wish you every success as you move into high school. I also welcome the new students and their families who are joining us next year.

To all members of the school community, we have finally come to an end of a very long construction program. Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated. A special mention to the students and staff that have had to go about school life with compromised facilities, noise distractions and limited play space. Despite this, the staff have delivered a quality education and the students continue to improve their academic and sports results. A huge thank you! I hope that you all agree that the disruption has been worthwhile as we now have a world class learning facility. I should also add my sincere thanks to our principal, Martin Barrett for his determination and significant efforts in bring the construction to conclusion. This really was a very significant achievement that should be recognised by the SMG community. Thankyou Martin.

The completion of the building project seems the right time for me to step down from the Board. I have now completed 10 years of service, 5 years as the Board Chair. There have been many challenges throughout my time on the Board but also so many accomplishments. What made it so satisfying is the many parents and staff that accompanied me on this journey. I will always have fond memories and hope that the school is in someway a better place through my small contribution.

Thankyou for your attendance and participation in this meeting.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a brilliant 2018.

I hereby declare the meeting closed at 5:58 pm.

Jeff McCulloch
SMG School Board Chair