



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 27th May 2020 7.00 pm

Minutes

1. Present

Apologies

2. Opening prayer

3. Acceptance of minutes of P&F General Meeting held 31st March 2020

4. Correspondence

5. Principal's report – see attached Addendum. Staggered pick up is starting to work well. It was acknowledged that the teachers are doing an incredible job. It was noted that people are not following the traffic rules at the school, causing some traffic chaos around the drive through area. Discussion was had about getting some equipment to cover the pickup area (not permanent structure) where drop off / pick up occurs. President to investigate options.

Virtual open day next week: Discussion about getting a parent involved in the virtual open day. Lou very happy for this to occur. Parents to contact Lou to if interested in being involved in a short video.

Discussion about demolishing Coles. Demolition in the car park was supposed to start in May / June, but given COVID19, no demolition has started as yet.

Discussion about platforms used whilst home schooling (Seesaw, Wooshka, Google Classroom); Children have adapted well to the new platforms.

6. President's report

Aim tonight was to have talk about how we celebrate the teacher's efforts. And how we transition back to school. How we get parents together again. Darren Casey has been appointed the Interim Director of CSO. He has offered to meet up with the school to discuss issues relevant for Holy Family and its community.

Action: President to liaise with Lou about meetings.

Treasurer's report

Treasurers are in process of consolidating accounts and noted outstanding accounts. The Art Raffle tickets have raised good amount of funds. Treasurers to discuss handling of cash with the school. Refer to profit and loss statement.

Sponsorship – given COVID19 – no organisation has been approached as yet. Will refer to the tiers of sponsorship and consider approaching local organisations for sponsorship. Members allocated to the task

7. Catholic Schools Parent's report – The proposed pastoral school contact teams will not be going ahead at this stage

General reports – Social Justice: School for St Judes – The annual sponsorship will be paid to the school as we do every year. In addition, the school is asking for \$80 care package for vulnerable members. Some packages have been purchased by teachers. It was agreed that the school community will be asked if they would also like to contribute by buying care packages, and a notice would go into the newsletter.

8. Other Business

- a. Thankyou video idea – President discussed celebrating the teachers' efforts through COVID 19. Discussion was around putting together a 1-2 minute video of parents/students saying thank you to the teachers. Another suggestion was to get each student to write a thankful note of gratitude and attach a photo. Committee support this. Suggested to get one parent from each year to coordinate for each year level. Parent coordinator to ask for volunteers to help coordinate.
- b. Social coordinator / Social committee – another callout for someone or a team to coordinate events
- c. P&F events after COVID19
 - Discussion about a post-COVID19 event and fundraising events for the 2nd half of the year. Given current restrictions, nil events have been arranged thus far.

9. Social Media – members commented how the Facebook videos made during social isolation period were good for social profile of the school. Suggested to continue doing these videos as they support the school's social profile and promote the positive ways the school have managed throughout the COVID19 crisis.

Meeting closed 8.15PM

Addendum #1

Principal's Report

P & F Meeting : 26th May 2020

The State Government plan, Phase 0-4, for the return of students to full time face to face teaching has happened faster than initially scheduled.

I acknowledge the efforts and work of all staff in providing quality learning experiences during Home Based Learning, dealing with technical issues, learning new software applications and developing their skills in a collaborative environment. Monitoring and responding to learning posted as well as troubleshooting has been challenging but valuable for future use of technology.

The efforts and support of parents is greatly appreciated. Messages and acts, including the P&F Easter gift to the staff has brought joy to staff and a sense of community in this time of distancing. These comments are fabulous testimonials of the Holy Family learning community and I encourage parent to post messages on our Facebook page.

Welcome Mr Danny Casey, Interim Director, and thanks to the Catholic Schools Office for supporting daily cleaning by paying for a hygienist to be on site for 4 hours every day through to the end of Term 2 at which point it will be reviewed.

Thanks also to Bishop Anthony for his early and proactive action with fee relief. These are difficult times financially for many in Australia and it is wonderful to see our Bishop taking action in supporting Catholic education. Information regarding fee relief can be accessed from the Holy Family website. All applications are confidential.

The staggering of school finish times will continue to be monitored and adjusted if necessary. The use of Drive Through both in the morning and afternoon has greatly increased testing patience and adaptability. Cars cannot queue in Balfour Street for any length of time as this creates dangerous traffic conditions. It has always been the case that if a queue is forming parents should continue around the block. With extra staff on duty, parent support and the staggered finish times we will hopefully be able to ease congestion and keep our children safe.

There will be Virtual Open Day Thursday June 4 with one session 9:30 to 10:30 am and a second session 6 to 7 pm. CSO are coordinating promotion/advertising and registration for attendance. Private School Tours, maintaining physical distancing, are happening after school hours as are parent interviews.

Our second stage of flexible/agile learning furniture has arrived and is already in use. The furniture allows for group and independent learning supporting learning preferences and styles.

Lou Dogao

Principal