



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Thursday 25th February 2021 7.00 pm

Minutes

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Opening prayer
4. Acceptance of minutes of AGM 2nd Dec 2020

Michael Willett accepted

5. Correspondence -nil to report
6. Principal's report: **See Addendum #1**

Principal advised there are multiple grants available to the school.

Upcoming Information evenings – a member of the P&F exec / school community will attend the open school event to discuss the parent perspective. Social coordinators have elected to attend the morning session, and the President will attend the evening session

7. President's report -

Welcome back to everyone. Thanks to the social coordinators for making a good start to the year. Everyone is looking forward to social engagement this year. Some of the years are meeting up in person. Every one is looking forward to the upcoming cocktail party.

Artshow and Fair – has been postponed to the 2nd half of the year. Dates likely to be mid to late October. President, Lou and the AS&F coordinators will work together for the upcoming event

P&F page on the website has been upgraded thanks to the marketing coordinator. The events for the year have been updated on the page. Welcome any feedback from attendees and members.

P&F strategy – meeting to be arranged in early year. Anyone who would like to join please let the exec know.

8. Treasurer's report – Annual auditing process underway. Fun Run was a great event making a fantastic profit. Sponsorship for the event was also attained from Jason Roach, property partner from The Agency. Well done and thanks to the coordinator of this event. Electronic whiteboards will be placed in all rooms thanks to P&F funds. Other playground equipment will be upgraded with funds from the P&F.

9. CSO report– **See Addendum #2**

10. General reports – Sponsorship - Discussion around coordinating sponsorship activities to support social events. Jason Roach has shown an expression of interest. ACTION: Michael to meet with the social coordinators/ other members to plan the year

11. Other Business

- Coles: Lou has had communication with Coles in the last 1-2 weeks. There is no fixed date for commencement of building. They are still going through issues with Council. Works around Balfour Rd, may take about 6m. Afternoon drive-through is working well currently. They believe there will be half of the carpark available when undertaking the works.
- Social committee approach – Social coordinators
Given COVID, the coordinators will have a whole school approach. The upcoming cocktail party event will be held on the 26th March at the Greengate Hotel. Invites will be going out tomorrow. Coordinators are working closely with the class parents. We all want to bring back the spirit to the school and bring the community together.. Will invite staff as well. The primary purpose of the event is to bring the community together, not purely for fundraising. P&F will pay for the teacher's tickets.
Feedback has been good from parents thus far regarding the event. Everyone is encourage to help promote the event. Aiming for 120 people.
Mother's Day event– Coordinators will look at this for early next term.
Treasurer to discuss with coordinators re budgets etc. Coordinators are keenly looking at new ideas. Sponsorship opportunities discussed
- Working Bee – clean out the cage – to arrange a Sunday afternoon.
ACTION: To arrange a date, and use a recycle bin, which can then be used ongoing at the school.
- Class parents – Still don't have enough class parents for year 3. Need to try encourage more involvement from parents. Ways to do this were discussed.
- Band – Rob (new conductor) is preparing the band for a performance and to have a 'come and try' event for younger kids. Aiming to get the Police band to do a performance to encourage kids to get involved.

- String Ensemble going well – aiming for a combined performance with the band.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Addendum #1

Principal's Report P & F Meeting 25th February 2021

Welcomed Mrs Kylie Lloyd-Jones and Mrs Pip Smith on staff and the return of Mrs Busseler and Mrs McNally.

Promotion and Marketing Coordinator position continues to be supported by Catholic Schools Broken Bay this term with the possibility of further extension.

One to one Parent Teacher meetings replaced information sessions for Years 1 to 5. Kinder and 6 able to hold class meetings.

Successful Welcome BBQ. Great to be able to have something on-site, even with limited numbers. Wonderful opportunity for new families to connect with other families. Thank you to Emily Manion and Anna Roberts for coordinating everything from food to chefs.

Even though numbers were limited, it was important to celebrate an Opening School mass and induct 2021 Seniors and Leaders. Current arrangement will see individual primary classes attend mass - this could change for Term 2 if restrictions continue to be loosened.

The first of our Information/Open Days is Tuesday 9th March, 9-10:30 am and 6-7:30 pm. This is now able to take place on site. Interest and bookings continue to grow as are the number of private school tours I have been conducting.

Swimming carnival was very different with smaller numbers, no spectators and no cheering. House Leaders tried to be creative, organising hand claps to replace cheers. Mrs Nosti's organisational skills shone through yet again!

Two new shade structures have been erected over the play equipment. This was supported with a \$10 000 Federal Government School Community Grant and topped up by school funds.

Year 6 Leadership Camp held this week was a very successful experience for all. A fabulous, tiring, 3 days at Sport and Recreation Camp, Narrabeen.

Celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia.

Lou Dogao

Principal

Addendum #2 - Catholic Schools Parents rep report

DBB CSP North Shore Cluster met on Tue 23rd to welcome back returnee and new CSP reps.

Key outputs of the meeting:

1. Focus areas of the DBB CSP Management Team in 2021 are: Wellbeing; P&F Governance and Structure improvements; Inclusive Communities. As each initiative gets underway we will share updates on ways to disseminate information and support to schools to support under these themes.
2. The CSP have asked that the CSO provide clear direction around the ability for parents to be onsite, or not, at schools. There was agreement that parents would be happen whatever the decision is, but clarity and consistency of message is lacking and causes frustration. Will update once advised.
3. CSP Office provide a range of resources to parents of their schools throughout the year, most available for free. There is a webinar series planned for March addresses online security for children and teenagers. Information attached, all welcome.
4. CSP Grant will be available again this year to support parent/family engagement or sustainability. \$300. Propose this is considered for the virtual (or in person) trivia night again
5. CSO Strategy 2020 - updates will be provided during the year
6. CSP North Shore & Northern Beaches Cluster plan to host open forum sessions for members of the parent communities across their schools, not just reps or P&F exec to attend and ask questions. More details to follow.