

St MARYS STAR OF THE SEA

P & F Meeting Minutes 29 March 2016

Attendance: Susan Adams, Frank Pitt, Catherine Sutton, Tim Sutton, Scott Sutton, Zoran Jovanoski, Rob Anderson, Catherine Ryan, Anna D'Noro, Sarah Gulloch, Michelle Duncan, Louise Harding, Janet Sucur, Lisa Gullick, Darren Wilkinson, Anna Tomasiello, Janet David, Jennifer Bean, Fabian McCann, Deo Alfred Ruzunga, Katrina Gamble, Jo Jeffries, Angela Hunter and Rachele Meredith.

Apologies: Adam Catto-Pitkin

Opening Prayer: Dr Frank Pitt

Preceding the meeting Stephen Goldrick made a presentation on the Creative Arts at St Marys.

1. Acceptance of minutes from last meeting:

Accepted: Rob Anderson

Second : Scott Sutton

2. Correspondence:

Nil

3. Treasurer's Report:

Report attached.

Accepted: Tim Sutton

Second: Zoran Jovanovski

4. President Report:

Report attached.

Accepted: Catherine Sutton

Second: Rob Anderson

5. Pastoral Care Report:

Catherine Sutton outlined the process regarding providing frozen meals to be provided to families in need. After discussing with Year 7 parents attending it was agreed that parents will be canvassed again and an item included in the newsletter.

Accepted: Lisa Gullick

Seconded: Anna D'Noro/Tomasiello

6. P & F events

- Year 12 Grad Lunch - deposit has been paid at the Lagoon.
- BBQ 2016 - event was held and was very successful after a few hiccups with food ordered. Year 7 girls pitched in to serve dessert and did a great job. Thank you to Scott Sutton for organising the event.

7. Principal report:

Report attached.

Accepted: Angela Hunter

Seconded: Catherine Sutton

8. General Business

A. Funding

Dr Pitt outlined Phase 2 of a major project aimed at building a walking pilgrimage around the college outing the history of St Mary's and the underpinning Good Samaritan values. This second phase would be development of a Good Samaritan Installation and garden. This area would be utilised by students and staff for both formal and informal purposes. Rob Anderson moved a motion to provide approval in principal for landscaping and associated work in developing the Good Samaritan installation up to the value of \$80000.

Seconded: Katrina Gamble

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Sustainability

In discussing the funding of the Good Samaritan Installation, issues regarding the sorts of projects the P&F funds were raised. The air conditioning of spaces within the college was specifically discussed and Dr Pitt outlined the problems with being able to power such projects. Dr Pitt raised the notion of a sustainability study being conducted across the College. The study had general support from the meeting.

Meeting Closed 8:30pm

Presidents Report Term 1 2016

Good evening everyone and thank you for coming to the meeting. We appreciate Mr Goldrick's time and his insights into how our daughters can use their creative talents to achieve their academic potential.

Since our meeting in November 2016 we saw the results of our funding of sound equipment and tshirts for the School production of Aladdin. It was a fantastic community event.

We had our AGM in term also and I thank those parents who have taken on executive roles. We are still looking for a Secretary and would like to find a parent interested in shadowing our Treasurer during 2016 in preparation for taking up the role in 2017.

On 12 March we held another successful Year 7 welcome BBQ. Thank you to Scott Sutton for coordinating the event. Thank you also to the executive and parents who donated their time to make the afternoon run smoothly. A special thank you to the Year 7 students who stepped up and served our desserts.

During this time the executive also provided funding to 5 students who went to Hawaii as part of an elite cheerleading squad. As per the guidelines each student received \$240.

I hope that your daughters enjoy their upcoming break and we look forward to seeing you at our Term 3 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Calendar 2016 to March 29th

1. Cheque Account (in Dollars)

OPENING BALANCE:			138,931.16
RECEIPTS:	31/3	Interest	Pending!
TOTAL INCOME:			0.00

EXPENSES:

Cheque No.	Date	Description	Amount
751938	2/3	Yr12 Grad Lunch - Lagoon Deposit	1,000.00
751939	23/2	St Marys College: College Cross, Gym equipment, others	107,216.35
751940	18/3	Yr7 BBQ - Chicko's Chickens	363.80
751941	15/3	Yr7 BBQ - Packaging Direct	112.29
751942	16/3	Yr7 BBQ - Coniston Bakery	243.00
751943		Yr7 BBQ - Kieraville Butchery - PENDING -	
751944	14/3	Yr7 BBQ - Scott Sutton - reimburse drinks, other costs	84.50
751945	18/3	Yr7 BBQ - Hasties Meats	145.00
751946	17/3	Student Grant - E.F. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751947	15/3	Student Grant - O.M. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751948	23/3	Student Grant - X.P. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751949	21/3	Student Grant - G.B. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
751950	18/3	Student Grant - K.D. - Air Cheerleading in Hawaii	240.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:			110,364.94
BALANCE:			+28,566.22

2. Term Deposit Account (in Dollars)

OPENING BALANCE			191,749.69
RECEIPTS:	24/3	Interest	1,290.76
TOTAL INCOME:			+1,290.76
WITHDRAWALS:			
Cheque No.	Date	Description	Amount
		Nil	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:			0.00
BALANCE:			+193,040.45
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:			+221,606.67

Principal's Report to P&F

29 March 2016

The college year has begun in earnest as the girls have settled into a regular pattern of study and they have been provided with numerous opportunities to build community as the term has progressed. Our Year 12 girls have had a relatively peaceful beginning to the year, with many of the distractions that are part of the beginning of a new school year moved to other times. That being said, they are beginning to experience the intensity that the HSC assessment schedule provides. Our Year 7 students three days at the Year 7 camp, providing girls with the opportunity to meet new friends, and to see teachers in a completely different light. While there were many 'war stories' about a night in a tent, the hardships of camp food and the lack of sleep, the girls had a fantastic time.

Easter Liturgy

The college held a beautiful Easter liturgy on the Wednesday of Holy Week, providing the girls with a meaningful and very prayerful beginning to the Easter season. Utilising the talents of the student community, the liturgy provided both historical and contemporary interpretations of the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. With the use of great visuals, modern music and scripture, the girls brought the passion to life in a very beautiful way. It was a very moving start to the final events of Holy Week.

Year 7 and the MYP

The Year 7 students have settled well into secondary school and the reports are positive regarding the progress they are making and the manner in which they are coping with the various subjects and teachers. They have adapted seamlessly to the MYP and its requirement to study a language. The Languages Department has been given a new lease of life as Year 7 students enjoy the opportunity to study a new language and teachers encounter keen girls who have a thirst for knowledge

Our Year 7 girls are also enjoying the practical subjects and the opportunity to access facilities including the gym, our science labs, specialist computer labs and the technics rooms. The girls have embraced the many extra-curricular activities that are available, with a number of students joining choirs, dance groups, clubs and social justice groups.

The Year 7 BBQ

The Year 7 BBQ was a very pleasant afternoon of good food, great company and the building of new friendships. I had the opportunity to speak with quite a number of new families and their appreciation of the hospitality and sense of community in the college was fantastic. The BBQ only enhanced their positive impressions and they feel really fortunate to have joined our community. My thanks to the P&F Executive for their great support and hard work on this day, as always it is greatly appreciated. I also would like to recognise the Year 8 parents who came along to support the P&F in this endeavour. Finally I would like to thank Scott Sutton for his hard work, patience and the calm manner in which he dealt with any and all contingencies. He can feel well pleased with his efforts, as it was another great day at St Mary's.

College Open Day

The college conducted an Open Day and Expo on 10 March, where we welcomed over 500 students and parents interested in learning more about the St Mary's community. The families took tours of the college and gained an insight into the education, the large variety of activities and the extra-curricular opportunities offered. They were also able to see our facilities in action as they visited the gym, our weights area, the new open plan facilities at the top of D block and our science labs, kitchens and library. To say that they were impressed with our facilities is an understatement. As always, this was a very professionally run day and the feedback was excellent as parents spoke of the sense of welcome, the confidence and manners of our girls, and the many opportunities that are available to students at the college.

Registration and Accreditation

This year the college will be inspected by the Board of Studies for registration and accreditation as a secondary school that has the facilities, the staff and the resources to offer the various Board courses and more particularly the HSC. We have been asked to have all of the documentation for this process lodged with the BOSTES by the 31 March, so we are busily putting the finishing touches to all of our policies, programs and procedures.

The BOSTES inspectors will visit the college in August for an on-site inspection, however; so far all is looking very good. My thanks to Kerri Harrigan, the Director of Teaching and Learning and our KLA heads who have been working very hard to get all of the documentation in place. I would also like to thank our fantastic Admin staff who have been getting our policies updated and taking care of all of the details around the inspection. They will certainly enjoy the holidays when they arrive.

Finally I would like to thank you for your support throughout first term. It has been a busy and exciting start to the year and we have achieved much. I look forward to reporting further on many of our new initiatives at our Term 2 meeting.

Yours sincerely

Frank Pitt
Principal