

Shalom College
Parents and Friends Association
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 5th March, 2019

Attendance: As per attendance book

Apologies: As per attendance book

Opening Reflection: Elizabeth Austin-Campbell

Previous Minutes:

Paul Wilkinson moved that the minutes of 5 February be adopted with changes. Seconded by Jas Haster. All in favour.

Business Arising:

- Follow up on Fan for BBQ at the Sunday Markets to be held in General Business
- Discussion about installation of New Water Bubblers to be held in General Business
- Funding of Scholarships and Travel Bursaries to be discussed in General Business.

Correspondence:

In:

- Wealth Academy Newsletter
- Insources Group Newsletter – Training Provider – a number of emails sent – follow up in General Business
- Jack Elphinstone – former student wrote to Dan McMahon offering volunteer services
- Scholarship Applications for Cambodia – LM, GP
- Scholarship Applications from AA – follow up after submission was possibly lost in the office

Out:

- Reply to Jack Elphinstone – followed up by Dan McMahon
- Reply to AA – confirm after meeting

Treasurers Report:

- Financial Information supplied (Balance Sheet/Income & Expenditure) for February tabled. Attached to minutes.
- Good income from coffee shop - \$9000, no levy applied as yet.
- Expenses high – some from prior year came out this year. Accounts still in a good financial position.
- Payments authorised and paid – \$10000 - SCASA 2019, \$10000 – Water Bubblers (on order),
- Pre approval of out of pocket expenses for P&F Mini Conference.

Board Report:

- First meeting scheduled for next week.
- Report at future meeting

Diocesan Report:

- Paul reported back regarding recent P&F Diocesan Conference
 - 1-2 March - Rockhampton
 - Madonna King (Author/Presenter) – Friday night guest speaker – Fathers & Daughters

- Willing to come to Bundaberg for a Parent Event in the future
- Investigate further for Education session late 2019/early 2020
- Dr Jodi Richardson – ‘Happiness on Purpose’ (Author/Presenter) – connecting as families, setting up traditions, mindfulness
- Leesa Jeffcoat – presented overview of Catholic Education in Diocese
- Breakout sessions very informative
- Neil McDonald (presenter) – future communication strategies
- Carmel Nash – Engagement in children’s education – participation not involvement should be future focus of P&F Associations
- Paul has made a video to promote Parent engagement in their child’s education. To be put on Facebook page and new TV station.

Principal’s Report:

- Open Day and Colour Fun Run – next Friday 15th March
- Year 10 Students passionate about promoting school at Open Day
- Year 7 Information Night next Wednesday 13th March – applications close soon after. 80 applications already received
- Peter Robinson took 6 students to St John’s College to promote Shalom for 2020. 35 potential students interested in attending Shalom
- Induction Liturgy went well.
- Successful Swimming Carnival with lots of student engagement, despite large absentees. Participation is important.
- Bishops In-service Day – looking after the environment – informative day enjoyed by all.

Rowing Report:

- Sent via email – apologies Kellie Howard
- The Shalom rowing supporters group held their first meeting on 11 February 2019. We had a good number of parents and rowing supporters attend. The hot topic was the number of students signing up for rowing with 47 rowers signed on and head coach Mr Rod Silcox assures us there are more to resign from previous year. We have a large number of year 7 rowers (approx 20 new yr 7 rowers) which is exciting and good to see.
- Bundaberg Rowing Club have progressed to online registrations, which is a positive move for them, however it is making it difficult for the school to accurately account for active rowing registrations. We encouraged parents to forward a receipt number to the school once fees were paid, however we can only wait to see how this goes.
- Financial news - A grant was received from Telstra to purchase equipment, many thanks Warwick Foster for his work in getting this together. Our fundraising team is busy organizing sponsors for our golf day to be held on June 9th this year. And we have secured some market BBQ’s to help raise much needed funds for our sport.
- Our first regatta is scheduled on 28 April. Everyone is looking forward to getting on the river to test out their skills. So now the challenge is on - getting our rowers into rowing shirts and ZOOT suits and hats so we look the part at our first event for the year.
- On behalf of the Shalom Rowing Supporters group we wish to thank the outgoing P & F executive committee for their support and wish them well, and we also look forward to working with any new members of the executive in the coming year. As a volunteer group ourselves, we appreciate the time and effort you put in and assure you it does not go unnoticed.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for March 13th. And as president I look forward to updating you on the progress of our rowers and supporters.

General Business:

- CAMBODIA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2018
 - Thankful for opportunity
 - 2 weeks – 5 cities
 - Wonderful memories with new friends and interactions with teachers
 - Participation in traditional Cambodian activities, visits to schools and hospitals, temples and history tour, real living experiences, tourist experiences

- INSOURCES NEWSLETTERS
 - Discussion regarding should the P&F forward to the school or unsubscribe
 - Not a relevant channel through the P&F
 - Send to Lisa O'Donnell

- PURCHASE OF BABY CHANGE TABLE AND AIR CONDITIONER – SUNDAY MARKETS
 - Follow up from previous meetings
 - Baby change installed,
 - Proposal for an industrial or other appropriate fan last meeting
 - Leanne reported to the group that both are now installed

- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS – Europe and Cambodia
 - Applications and emails on file
 - Confirmations this meeting - Both Europe applicants approved \$2000 each
 - Time in canteen to be organised
 - Cambodia to still be negotiated – approved next meeting
 - Europe Scholarships Approved by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Jas Haster.

- COLOUR FUN RUN – SAUSAGE SIZZLE
 - Request from organisers to fund sausage sizzle and drinks at event.
 - P&F have funded in previous years.
 - Approx \$700-\$800
 - Approved by Emma Jansen. Seconded by Jas Haster.

- PROPOSAL FROM PRINCIPAL
 - Difficulty with attendance at P&F meetings
 - 3 events per year to encourage parents engagement in education
 - Move focus from fundraising to education
 - Town Hall type meetings could be more beneficial with an admin person present
 - Plans to implement guest speakers in the future to engage parents – 2 guest speakers for 2019, hopefully 3 for 2020.
 - General agreement from those present on change of direction

- CONFRATERNITY UPDATE
 - Catering handed back to school – decided out of session.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2 April, 2019 - 6pm

Meeting closed: 6.38 pm