

Saint Patrick's Parents and Friends Association



Minutes of Meeting 6th August 2018

1. Opening Prayer

Venue: St Patrick's School Library

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

2. Present & Apologies

Present: Shannon Beeck, Chrissy Kerin, Andrew Gammon, Karlie Moir, Katherine Anderson, Megan Lydeamore, Davina Davies.

Apologies: Anilda Wright, Natalie Nicholson, Tania Edwards, Karlie Moir, Kyla Addis.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The meeting did not reach a quorum to conduct business, previous minutes will be confirmed at a special meeting on Thursday 16th August.

4. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Katanning Agricultural Pastoral Society Incorporated, offering St Patrick's School the opportunity to fundraise at the Katanning Agricultural Show. The P&F committee decided that enough fundraising opportunities were being undertaken this year.

5. Principal's Report

Andrew Gammon tabled the Principal's Report.

Key points:

- a. CEWA has advertised the ongoing Principal position for St Patrick's School. Andrew has applied and is hoping to continue with the positive work already started this year.
- b. This term we will start to undergo CEWA's Leading Lights Digital Transformation, this includes students being given access to their own Microsoft Portal, moving from server to cloud based storage and the inclusion of robotics and coding into the technologies program.
- c. St Patrick's is advertising free Kindy enrolments for 2019 and the Minister for Education will make a decision by the end of September regarding the 3-year-old Kindy program.

6. Treasurer's Report

Anilda Wright tabled the Treasurer's Report.

Bank Balances as of 6 August 2018;

- a. P&F Account = \$3470.33
- b. Canteen = \$1026.16

The funds for class pledges; \$4800, and school purchases; \$17 273, have been transferred to the School bank account, totalling \$22 073.

Anilda presented a comparison of canteen expenditure for 2017 and 2018 as we have changed our process of ordering canteen supplies. Expenses from April – July 2017 = \$2159.29 and banking for this period = \$2659. Expenses from April – July 2018 = \$3474.93 and banking for this period = \$3470.55. The figures show that while we are paying more by ordering through the co-op, we are still breaking even with our canteen income.

7. General Business

a. Ram Sale 2018

The volunteer list for our annual fundraiser on 16th & 17th August is full and almost all the food for the sundowner has been donated. The Ram Sale committee are very appreciative of the generosity from our school community. Ram sale items, including baking trays, containers, oven mitts and a new till have been purchased, the P&F executive decided not to purchase a deep fryer as the quotes received were cost prohibitive. The purchase of more P&F polos was raised, and a special executive meeting will be undertaken to discuss further.

b. Nature Playground Update

The nature playground is near completion with the recent addition of a mud kitchen and a buddy bench coming soon from the Men's Shed. The music equipment has been purchased and will be ready for installation in 10 – 12 weeks.

c. Canteen & New Coordinator

Stacey Rae has generously volunteered to be our new Canteen Coordinator. Stacey follows on from our previous coordinator Rachel Poett and will undertake the revised canteen management process that was developed by Natalie Nicholson and has been trialled by the Executive Committee for the past Term. The canteen will continue ordering from the co-op while it is in receivership, until we are notified otherwise.

d. Photo Hendricks

The dates for family photos are 18th & 19th August, Braeside is the host and all four Katanning Schools are participating. All St Patrick's family sessions are priced at \$25 and this cost is returned directly to the P&F. Photo Hendricks has supplied a promotional package and this can be viewed in the front office.

e. Parenting Workshop with Linda Stade

Linda Stade, Education Writer and former St Patrick's student, has agreed to attend a sundowner event early in Term 4. This will be a free event, hosted at St Patrick's School and open to the community.

ACTION 1: Andrew to liaise with Natalie with regards to format and date of the event.

f. Father's Day

Options for a Father's Day celebration were discussed; these included a BBQ breakfast prior to school on Friday 7th September and a BBQ sundowner following on from the Book Fair and Open Night.

ACTION 2: Andrew to discuss further with staff and Executive Committee to arrange a suitable date.

Meeting closed: 8.33 pm

Next meeting: Monday 22nd October