

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



MARIST CAMPUS

MINUTES OF MEETING – 19th February, 2018

MEETING OPENED: 7:00 PM

OPENING PRAYER: Kym Griffin

ATTENDEES: Alan Buckley, President Susan Golder, Treasurer
Denise O'Meara Julie-Anne Richards, Secretary
Mel Sarre Anthea Turkington
Sonja Cahill Tania Turner
Kym Griffin Teena Blair
Suzanne Cross Esperlita Manalaysay
Michael McIntyre

APOLOGIES: Catherine Dorant

1.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th October 2017 were distributed and **approved by Anthea and Susan.**

1.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Nil.

2.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN:

One item received this year, a request from the Marist Basketball team. Two teams to be representing the college comprising of ten players each to compete in the Australian Marist Basketball Team Tour, commencing 15-20 April 2018. Students have been notified. A request for \$150 per child was made however, Mercy P&F voted they sponsor \$100. Names will be confirmed during Term 1. Each campus is to fund for any of their students chosen in the team.

A request from PE Dept to the P&F for approval to contribute \$100 towards team tour for Marist students selected (approx. 15). Moved by Anthea and seconded, Julie-Anne. **PASSED**

2.2 CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil.

3. REPORTS:

3.1 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ **Students:** Once again we have had a relatively smooth start to the year. We continue to have full five (5) and four (4) streams in Year 7 on both the Marist and Mercy campuses respectively. The Year 7 students have had a good transition with most students enjoying the change into secondary school and the activity days held have been well supported by our Peer Support Leaders.
- ❖ **2017 Academic Achievement:** We had very pleasing results from our Class of 2017, with much more consistent achievement from our students, not just our top students. As announced at our assembly, Georgia Bach was our top ATAR student and McKenzie Burgess was our top VET student. We had only three students who were not able to achieve a WACE because they were not able to demonstrate literacy and numeracy achievement. This was a credit to the work of teachers who put in extra time with the students through Year 10, 11 and 12 to provide additional support for the students to meet the minimum requirements and the hard work of students to achieve the standard.
- ❖ **Parent Information Evenings:** Year 7, 10, 11 and 12 Parent Information evenings have been held with generally good attendance on both campuses. Year 8 and 9 evening is to be held this week. These sessions have a different focus at each year level to meet the needs of parents of the different age groups.
- ❖ **Co-Curricular:** The Year 12 Ball was held on Saturday and was a wonderful occasion with our students enjoying the evening. We are in discussion with our current Year 11 students to decide whether the 2019 Ball is to be one combined event, or two separate Balls. Similarly, for the 2018 Graduation.
- ❖ **Sports:** Numerous sporting activities have commenced with students nominating for the various teams.
- ❖ **Staffing:** All new and transferring staff members have commenced well and all seem to have good classroom practice and willing to be actively involved in the co-curricular activities.
- ❖ **CDP Update at the Marist campus:** The focus for our capital development has turned to the refurbishment and maintenance issues on the Marist campus. The Canteen/VET areas are to be refurbished with the Canteen changing to a cafeteria-style operation (similar to the Mercy campus), and the VET centre and undercover area is to be 're-roofed'. The VET centre will gradually be upgraded to a centre for senior classes. The Uniform Shop has been relocated under the Hall on the Marist campus – with easier access from the Rodsted St carpark. We will still have online ordering and delivering items to the Mercy campus. We will not be doing any major capital development on the Mercy campus this year.
- ❖ **Child Safe Framework and Procedures:** CEWA has developed a Child Safe Framework which aims to provide school environments that are not only safe, but allow and encourage students to learn about healthy and respectful relationships. It is about ensuring that all in our community work to create a culture which respects the dignity of each person and that each child feels safe. All staff attended the Keeping Children Safe Curriculum PD in December, we have a Code of Conduct and we worked through the Child Safe Framework at our PD at the beginning of the year. This framework has been presented at the Leaders Forum today. We will share this with the wider community over the course of this semester.

- ❖ **School Audit 2018:** The College will be undertaking the School Audit with a CEWA panel visiting in April to check the College compliance of the requirements for school registration.

3.2 PRESIDENT/BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Last Board meeting was the AGM and the next meeting is on 1st March. We are currently looking for a Treasurer's apprentice for the role next year. Board members have also attended the year group meetings held.

3.3 TREASURER'S REPORT

- ❖ **Account Balances:**

• P& F Gen Account	\$ 83,187.17
• Term Deposit	\$ 34,561.23
• Art Ex Gen Account	\$ 29,011.23

Total funds balance **\$146,759.63**

This year, second hand book sales sold were just under 20,000 books this year. Monies banked from the second hand books sales so far are \$19,206.50. Payments to those who sold their books will be made via bank transfer or credit to school fees in the next few weeks once the forms have been finalised (payments are typically processed early March). Last year's profit was \$7,692.00.

Treasurer, Susan requested we move an amount of \$50,000 from the General account into a new Term Deposit. Moved by Suzanne and seconded by Sonia. **PASSED**

Outdoor PE equipment a future possibility. The school has been looking at ideas for outdoor play, but in early development at this stage.

3.4 ART EXTRAORDINAIRE REPORT

The Committee needs some new volunteers this year. The weekend is now held in October. First meeting is coming up shortly.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Uniform item:** A parent reminded us that as it was the "Year of the Girl Child" last year, could we include a better uniform item for the girls, in addition to the skirt. She proposed an item such as a pair of skorts and/or something else as an option for the girls. Trousers are part of the winter uniform and can only be worn in Terms II & III. Also suggested is the wearing of bike shorts, but parents are finding them very hard to locate in the stores for purchase. Denise agreed to look into the school selling bike shorts. Parent was happy with this arrangement.

- ❖ **Uniforms:** Parent present commented on the Fashion Show held at the Year 7 induction in that one of the models wore a skirt that seemed to be a bit short. There is also a picture on the website which does not meet the uniform criteria.
- ❖ **Maths learning:** Parent asked if the school is still supporting Hot Maths or not? When their child enquired with the teacher, they were told to try Maths Online. The child tried this programme, but did not enjoy it as much as the other. Is there to be a cost to the school for each child, or is it a whole school event?
- ❖ **Year 11 Retreat:** Feedback from a parent of a Yr 11 student was that the retreat was really good. The coordinators were very good, especially the couple who took the boys.
- ❖ **P&F Website:** A discussion was held by the group present about raising the profile of the P&F. Suggested we list names of P&F committee and the Year Representatives for contact etc. Also, want to give “Thanks” to Marlene Leemeyer and her team for the success of the Second Hand Book sales. The Canteen volunteers get together for an Afternoon Tea each year as a way of saying thank you to all the helpers. Also to list where the funds have been spent the previous year. Could the P&F do something similar for other volunteers? Anthea nominated to look at ways in which we could express our thanks for these people, and to suggest an idea and time to do this.
- ❖ **Year Representatives:** The BCC community is unaware of our system. Parents have become disconnected, either burnt out or need a break once their children reaches high school. P&F need to be made more aware to the parents that we are working hard. In previous years, we have held Sundowners, but were not always successful. Some discussion held on ways to connect to other parents in the year group, and also via P&F.
- ❖ **Parent Involvement form:** School need to SMS, and also advertise before the upcoming events.

CLOSING PRAYER: Kym Griffin

OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER NEXT MEETING: TBA

NEXT MEETING: 21st May 2018

MEETING CLOSED: 8:00 PM