

St. Patrick's College Parents & Friends Association

General Meeting, Tuesday 16th, August, 2016

Welcome: Greg Boon extended a welcome to attendees.

Opening Prayer: The "Prayer for a Parent"

Status of Minutes: Draft for amendment/confirmation at the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday 20th of September, 2016.

Meeting Chair: Greg Boon

Minute Taker: Anne Britton

Attendees: James Byrne, Ann Viney (Life member), Anne Britton, Simon Cobiac (Principal), Greg Boon, Janette Kenyon.

Apologies: nil.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the general meeting held on the 21st of June 2016 moved as true and correct by Jim Byrne, seconded by Ann Viney, passed.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Correspondence in: nil.

Correspondence Out: nil.

Treasurer's Report

The financial Report to the 16th of August 2016, was presented by Jim Byrne and seconded by Janette, passed. An account for payment was tabled from the TCSPC for payment of \$6028. This amount is disputed by the P&F based on our current student numbers and the payment will be discussed in general business.

The P&F have already committed to contribute \$90,000 to the building of the college bus shelters; the motion was moved by Greg to allow Jim Byrne (treasurer) to pay this amount when the invoice is received from the college, this was seconded by Jim, all in favour.

Current P&F balance stands at \$111,115.42

Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council:

The meeting discussed the TCSPC annual fee and as Greg is an employee of the council and therefore has a divided interest, Ann Viney chaired this part of the meeting.

The meeting continues to believe the council should invoice its annual fee based on the official August census figures of student enrolment and not the March census. Our numbers always decrease in this period. The meeting noted that we had sent correspondence to the council in 2014 about this matter and did not received a reply. Anne will send an email to the current president, Brendan McManus outlining our view and ask for a reply. Our August census this year have our student enrolment numbers at 1475.

Principal's Report:

The new College Principal will be announced tomorrow (17th of August, 2016). All parents and families will be emailed with the information.

The bus shelters area progressing well, just have the side panels to add on.

The car park is nearly finished and traffic is flowing well with significant improvement in safety and flow.

The 5-year strategic building plan is being worked out and Simon hopes to have some updates on these at the next meeting.

Luke McCormack (Deputy Principal of Administration and Head of Croagh Patrick) will be the recipient of a TCEC (Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission) Award tomorrow for Outstanding Service as an Employee in Tasmanian Catholic Education. The Parents and Friends congratulate Luke on this achievement.

The official opening for the new Tenison Woods Centre and the Guilford Arts Centre went very well.

General Business:

There was discussion around Greg's idea for the P&F to recognize families leaving the college who have contributed a lot in their time here. There was not general consensus on the matter and it was decided not to pursue this idea at this time.

Greg queried what the college does to educate the students about suicide awareness. Simon said the college uses the "Mind Matters" framework to assist staff and students in mental health. He will follow up on suicide prevention education.

Greg wondered why there was no official photographer at this year's college ball. Ann said that our usual photographer was not available this year and that as students tend to have their photos taken at pre-ball occasions and the queues at the ball to utilize the photographer are usually so long that the need for an official photographer appears to be obsolete. There are photos available at the college that were taken by college staff. This will be reiterated to students.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

St Patrick pray for us/ St Mary MacKillop pray for us.

Next meeting – Tuesday the 16th of August, 2016, at 7.30 pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is most welcome.