

St. Patrick's College Parents & Friends Association

General Meeting, Tuesday 18th, October, 2016

Welcome: Greg Boon extended a welcome to attendees.

Opening Prayer: "Ode to a Volunteer."

Status of Minutes: Draft for amendment/confirmation at the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday 16th of November, 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, Penny Ludicke (staff Member).

Apologies: nil.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the general meeting held on the 16th of August 2016 moved as true and correct by Jim Byrne, seconded by Janette Kenyon, passed. Requested amendment to the minutes to note that the Year 7 'Mind Matters' programme was presented to the meeting as an example of the framework used in the college for mental health care.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Correspondence in: nil.

Correspondence Out: nil.

Treasurer's Report:

The report up to the 18th of October, 2016, was tabled by Jim Byrne along with an account for payment (this account has yet to be presented) of \$600 used to provide morning tea for college staff on 'National Teachers Day'. Move to accept the report as true and accurate by Jim and seconded by Janette, carried.

There was discussion about whether we need to be audited as an organization as our yearly transactions are so small, usually under ten. Could we be included into the larger college audit? Simon will follow this up.

Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council:

The council AGM and conference will be this weekend in Hobart and is open to all parents. The college will be represented by Stephen Bourke, a member of the college Board.

A request from Greg that the council's newsletter be included on the college school box.

Principal's Report:

The annual East Africa Day has been held and was very successful (last day of term three). Funds raised will be used to benefit communities in Kenya and Tanzania.

The College is preparing to farewell the grade 12 students.

Next year's student executive has been announced.

Senior exams are approaching and we wish all students well.

General Business:

Janette wondered about the future of the P&F association next year with so few parents participating. There was discussion around this and we may continue.

Janette moved a motion for the P&F to provide funds for the college St. Vincent de Paul Society to purchase baskets to be used for Christmas hampers. This was requested by Racheal Holloway. The hampers are donated to specific families within the Launceston community. Motion seconded by Ann Viney, carried.

Penny Ludicke, Staff Member and Deputy Principal of Pastoral Care, provided a presentation to the meeting on the 'Mind Matters' programme used within the college. This is the framework used for mental health by St. Patrick's. The main conveners in the college are Penny and Alexa Hedlam, our school psychologist. The programme is actually available online for anyone to access. It is made up of 20 modules and one was handed out as an example to show the meeting, 'Relationships and Belonging'. There is ongoing staff training regarding the Mind Matters programme.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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

Next meeting – Tuesday the 15th of November, 2016, at 7.30 pm in the school staffroom. This will encompass the AGM as well. Everyone is most welcome.