

# St. Patrick's College Parents & Friends Association

<b>MINUTES</b>	Of the meeting held in the College staff room on Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2008
<b>STATUS OF MINUTES</b>	<b>DRAFT</b> for amendment/confirmation at the next scheduled meeting on 18 March 2008.
<b>MEETING CHAIR</b>	Michael Johnston
<b>MINUTE TAKER</b>	Carolyn Gutteridge
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Michael Johnston, Carolyn Gutteridge, Gordana Crowe, Michael Smith, Simon Cobiac, Ann Viney, Martin Laverack, Cynthia Pearce, Neville Jolly, Mario de Jong, Trevor Barrett, Yvonne Spriggs, Ann Britton, Sharon Doherty, Maria Webster, Donna Bishop, Linda West, Andrea Walsh, Anthea Griffin, Gaylene Allen, Dimity Stopford, Diane Marsden, John Franklin
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Jan de Jong, Jo Reid
<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	Moved Michael Smith seconded Yvonne Spriggs that the minutes of 20 <sup>TH</sup> November, 2007 were a true and correct record. Carried.
<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<p>Diaries – arriving 20 February 2008</p> <p>AGM – Northern Region 3 March 2008</p> <p>Chocolate evening – next meeting</p> <p>Canteen – Simon sent letter to all parents explaining role of Canteen Manager; Letter from Keri Sydney to all current canteen parent helpers was well explained.</p> <p>Rowing Club – Letter received. Seeking payment of \$5000 from P &amp; F as promised. Boats ready.</p> <p>'Kay Harris' award will be put together in first term.</p> <p>Tennis Courts – will be completed at Easter. Funds promised to college from P &amp; F will be followed up.</p>

## CORRESPONDENCE INWARD

- Rowing Club
- P & F invitation to Annual Conference with Agenda – to be held in Smithton 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April,  
St Peter's Chanel. Theme "Awaken the Giant within' –Engaging parents through effective partnerships.  
Martin explained what the conference is about and encouraged parents to participate.  
Anthea elaborated on conference.
- APC Review forwarded to P & F from CEO as well as Connections publication

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**CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD**

Lyndon  
Shirley Sydes  
Annette Walker

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM  
CORRESPONDENCE**

nil

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

1. Two Accounts - CDF \$23227      \$8500      \$31000
2. Commonwealth Bank \$30,855 – 3 month term deposit, \$60,000 approximately in total
3. No funds outgoing - apart from Garrotts and end of year gifts from Mario/ Dimity.
4. Detailed report will be available next month

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

1. Core classes – numbers now around 27 in 7,8; 26 in 9 and 10.
2. CEO and working party – demographic study presented 6 December 2007 – main outcome was that demographic study suggested no justification for another secondary school in Launceston although numbers may increase slightly. TCEC still to ratify. Suggestions from College Working Party on suggestions for future shape of college were discussed with staff on 18 Feb. Will be presented to parents. Simon will suggest parents will need to register for this meeting to enable papers to be read
3. Computer classrooms completed during summer holidays
4. Tennis courts completed
5. End of year Mass prayerful
6. Start of year has gone well - student executive have met twice, Remar camps, Yr 7 swimming carnival
7. Promises from Labour Govt re computers and trade training programs – information has been received and looks like having an impact on college outcomes.
8. Schools registration process will occur this year. Last process happened 10 years ago. Positioned well to handle process.
9. Review and development is underway for School Improvement Process.
10. Volunteer process for all volunteers in Catholic schools is underway. (Not Canteen helpers as under supervision)

Question re: Advanced Science class size in Yr 10 – parent reported class has 34 in class.  
Simon to discuss with Barbara Martin and report to next meeting.  
Also gender breakdown – 3 girls to 26 boys in a maths class in yr 10. (From Dimity)

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**FEDERATION REPORTS  
NORTHERN REGION/STATE  
COUNCIL TCSPFF**

Conference attendance:  
Carolyn – Delegate  
Dimity – Delegate  
Anthea – Delegate  
Diane – Saturday - observer  
Ann – Observer  
Gordana – observer

Mario – observer – to confirm

Motions need to be submitted by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

Possible motion: road safety issues eg: need for roundabout at SPC; 40km zone....  
Simon thinks funds may have been approved for lights instead of roundabout but will check.  
Problem lies with the fact that it is on the boundary of Meander and Launceston Councils.

Andrea suggested parents all write letters to Councils which will need to be acted on.  
Other transport issues: Bus 225 – and transfers in town are causing students to be late to class. Barry Smith is the teacher organizing buses and has been working to sort out problems.  
Parents need to contact Student Transport Users Group – all complaints will be acted upon.

Yvonne suggested sometimes the group has been ineffective.  
Simon says we have a good working relationship with Metro and problems usually get solved.  
Metro also have a policy if too many children on a bus, they will send a maxi-taxi or taxi to collect children and take them to school. Simon suggested concerns need to go first to Barry Smith and they will be followed up from there.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of P & F – next year to be held at St Patrick's in August 2009.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Andrea as new parent advised her daughter moving from Ulverstone has settled in well and is happy. Wine and cheese night for Gr 9 worked well.
- Martin – P & F is not just the group who attend P & F meetings – other groups involved such as Friends of Music, Rowing, etc. Friends of Music having a St Patrick's Ball at St Ailbe's on Saturday 15th March. \$20 a head. Wear something green!
- Trevor – ideas to spend P & F money need to be generated. Suggested Simon consult with school community and come up with ideas.
- Michael Smith advised 40km sign may be in incorrect place. Michael Johnson suggested sign may not cover vehicular access.
- Diane asked about how P & F money gets spent – do students get surveyed?  
Eg: may be need for more cycle areas.  
Students do have access to student parliament to suggest their concerns on various issues. Also through SRC meetings could be a possibility.
- Gaylene thanked Simon for letter to all parents regarding Uniforms.
- Gordana also thanked Simon for letter re uniforms.
- Simon says letter has been effective – Sandra processes students and letters sent to parents straight away.
- Gordana reported on World Youth Day in July 2008. Advertised Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm-8pm.
- Anthea reported that Cathryn Watson is outgoing TCSPFF Executive Officer – should Brian and Cathryn be acknowledged by Life membership? To go on Northern Region agenda.
- Michael Johnston advised that Days in the Diocese need fundraising – should P & F donate \$1000? To be discussed at next meeting as to how this money can be donated – eg: towards costs of fireworks for Fireworks evening on 11 July 08.
- Should Wine/ cheese at meetings be continued?? Maybe someone could take this on from meeting to meeting. Michael Smith happy to take on providing wine at meetings
- Michael thanked everyone for coming.
- Diaries will be posted out - postage costs to be met by P & F. Michael will send out covering letter

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## MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>7 for 7:30pm - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2008</b>