

ST BERNADETTE'S P&F TERM 2 MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 16 May 2018

Time: 7:30pm general meeting

Venue: School Library

1. Welcome by Steve Lavis and opening prayer by Leanne Nettleton.
2. **Apologies:** Laurence Pratt, Diana Zaiter, Sonia Kassis, Mary Zeiter
Attendees: Melissa Beggs, Nancey Abouhamad, Julie Hawkes, Robert Taggart, Steve Lavis, Amanda Baker, Melissa Younan, Bernadine Nazareth, Naffa Arraf, Denny Allan, Anne-Marie O'Byrne, Nick Gooley, Leanne Nettleton, Mark Lean-Fore, Therese Younis, Jeff Younis, Paula Yacoub
3. Passing of previous minutes - Moved by Steve Lavis, 2nd by Robert Taggart.
4. Correspondence in/out- spam and junk
5. Reports:

President report- Steve Lavis

- Fantastic success of the working garden bee and Mother's Day events
- Works within the school showing great improvement

Principal report- Leanne Nettleton

- NBN connectivity starting this week
- Maths evening was well attended, separated infants & primary, had a demo of Naplan papers
- Building project has minor defects to complete, however the school is very happy with the final results
- Attendance has been great, partial attendance has been a focus of Mrs. Beggs
- Term 1 (week 8), meetings with parents around student goals
- Gardening club has ~70 students, well-being aspect is a focus

Treasurer report- Robert Taggart

2018 year-to-date:

- Income (Uniform Shop Sales) \$42,387.00 (includes Pastoral Care donations of \$1,320.00)
- Other Income \$6,145.35
- Purchases \$24,297.60
- Expenses \$7,680.90
- Cash Balances \$20,510.93 and \$24,159.47 (\$44,670.40)
- Notable costs - printer \$338.80
- Year 6 Graduation Dep \$420.00 (will be refunded)
- 2017 Full-Year financial report tabled

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Uniform shop- Julie Hawkes

- winter sales have been positive, sales are still high
 - volunteers working really well
 - email ordering positive and well used (allows me to fill orders ad hoc, feedback on form- can we make it electronic, so people don't have to print, fill it out then scan and email?)
 - inventory system needs to be made a priority once winter sales quiet down. lots of admin to get through each week currently
 - cashless shop? - saves time, safer, less work for Rob, Fran and I. suggest phasing out by end of term. Vote?
 - Spartan indent order done for Summer/Orientation. current style of bag is being discontinued. consider sample in further detail later in year
 - Midford summer/orientation ordering for end of May (special offer)
 - C21 sponsoring bags (Steve finalising)
 - need plastic or boutique bags donated
 - Athletics carnival 26/6 - change shop day to 27/7 or open one hour on 26/6 from 8-9am
- financial report from treasurer

Hospitality- Therese Younis

- Mother's Day was successful, early planning for Grand Parents Day (August) and then Father's Day

Maintenance- Naffa Arraf

- Working bee scheduled for 16-Jun (clash with Oakhill Gala Day)

Parent Representative Council- Denny Allan, Dianna Zeiter, Nancey Abouhamad

The first meeting of the year started off with elections and organisation around the running of the PRC committee. Including a treasures report. This was followed by a guest speaker (N) who talked about the ENGAGEMENT of parents in their children's learning.

The notes and discussions all leaned to the benefits to children's learning/achievements when parents 'move beyond involvement to engagement'.

In layman's terms not just organising or being involved in fundraising or fun events to benefit the school community financially and not exclusive to showing up to the working bee to help with gardening (while these contributions are hugely valuable they don't directly translate to the child's learning)

Actively engaging parents in what & how their children are learning was suggested as being a great gateway to increased achievement.

On reflection we felt that our SCHOOL St Bernadette's is make noted efforts to offer parents the opportunity to engage with the children's learning. E.g: opportunity to talk to children about when they were at school etc.

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As a P&F we wondered if we were doing enough in this regard? What are we spending our meeting times on? (See slide attached)

Although during this particular meeting no suggestions were covered as to how a P&F could play a role in practically facilitating this 'engagement' our feedback to this committee is that it may consider that this is a conversation worth opening if we want to be the best P&F in NSW!?

Grade Parent- Antonina Scotti

Mother's Day drinks was well attended

Book club- Davina Pratt

In our first term book club we received over 250 orders worth more than \$3,000. In turn, the school library received more than \$500 in credit towards new book purchases through Scholastic.

School Banking- no update

Social media- Laurence Pratt

As mentioned during the term one meeting, in addition to the P&F Facebook page, we also have an Instagram page as another channel of communication. If you're on Instagram give us a follow @stbernadettespandf

As always, if there's anything you would like published please feel free send details through. The more news we can share with families, the better.

Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls - Mel Younan

- Mother's Day stalls, minimal stock left, and minimal IOU's, lots of positive comments about the quality of the goods available for purchase
- \$6k banked, \$3k profit

Items for discussion

- **School car park congestion**
 - main issue is protocol not being followed, suggest getting kids involved as a reminder to the adults picking them up
 - Could an approach be made to council about limiting street parking to 2hrs, if so, consider letter box drop to local residents as it will help them as well
 - Car parks in schools have an inherent risk, many schools no longer allow on-site collection via car
- **Family BBQ and Social event Sept 21**
 - Primary goal, no fund raising, cover costs

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- Khamis Crew, food trucks, coffee vans
- Blueprint Property sponsorship acknowledged
- **New business**
 - Who were the contracted builders/architects? Simon Gould (Dioceses Preferred) scoping included light & shade assessment
 - New potential canteen vendors being screened

Meeting closed 20:53

Next meeting TBA