

MINUTES

SOUTHERN CROSS CATHOLIC COLLEGE PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

10th May 2021

Meeting opened at 7:03pm

1. PRESENT

Tony Earwaker, Julie Carey, Chloe Kennedy, Angela Donohoe, Andrea Camilleri, Rob Harley, Trish Harley, Veronica Horn, Tracey Hartman, Nat McCall, Megan Wuersching, Kelly Dale, Michael Papas, Jane Jones, Giules Busato, Katrina Wotton, Sam Deluca
Via Google Meets – Fiona McCormack, Eylse Charles, Melissa Bingley

APOLOGIES

Sally Harman, Peta Salter (email sent during meeting), Greg Cameron

2. PRAYER

Group – Hail Mary

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Julie and seconded by Tony
Minutes carried as a true and accurate record of the meeting

4. REPORTS

- President's Report – was tabled and is attached to the official record of the Minutes.
- Principal's Report – No report presented
- Treasurer's Report - was tabled and is attached to the official record of the Minutes.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mother's Day Stall

Andrea summarised the stall:

- Ran smoothly on the day
- Final count of takings has not come through but looking at costings we will be making a loss and will not break even. This was due to having double the number of students we estimated not bringing money and bags.
- Overall, the stall was about parent engagement in the community and Andrea believes the stall achieved this by looking at all the happy faces.
- Moving forward to the Father's Day Stall, we will require more volunteers as Andrea relied heavily on her friends more than volunteers obtained through the Google Form.

- High School attendance to the stall was around 20 students
- After school some parents, students and teachers also accessed the stall.
- Fiona - At the CCC meeting a lot of parents felt that they were not reached out to after registering to help
- Katrina – the CCCs are people who are happy to help and we really need to use them.
- At the start of the year Fiona brought up having a form going out to all families which they could express their interest in events.
- Andrea – we are limiting ourselves when it comes to reaching out to the greater school community
- Veronica – Currently, the P&F email has anyone who comes to meetings on the list, even if it is once. As for contacting CCCs, emails are sent to Katrina to forward to them.

Riverway

Angela: The date is 1st September 2021 and will run with Legacy Day in the afternoon. All people who nominated to help via the Google Form were contacted. The group will meet on Sunday to start working on organisation of the event. Letters will be sent out at a later date once we have more information. Angela will be meeting with Greg and Kira to discuss more in the coming week.

Pavers

Veronica: the pavers are in the Groundsman's Shed. However, they were meant to replace the pavers around the garden edging in front of the hall entrance but the landscapers glued theirs in. Therefore, they are now looking at a place in front of the library.

Gartrell Drive

Fiona has written and produced a letter and petition for Council to consider a school zone and footpath along Gartrell Drive (all members present online and in person received a copy to view during the meeting).

Angela asked what the next step will be?

Send it out via email and Facebook.

Katrina said that it needs to be passed by Greg before any further steps can be made.

Fiona will email the letter and petition to Greg for approval before moving a motion.

Katrina mentioned that the council has approved 170 new carparks within the next 12 months. Where? To Katrina's understanding the dirt park beside the AFL grounds.

Jane asked if they could include a bike path?

6. INWARDS / OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Letters

- Email: Mother's Day Stall and Riverway Feedback
- Email: Grants to Executive and other interested parties
- Email: Forward to Angela from Bernadette Kay CSPQ
- Email: Mother's Day Chapel use
- Email: Forward to Brooke Mother's Day inquiries

- Email: Forward to Greg Mappas nominations email
- Email: Forward Mother's Day Stall postings to College Admin
- Email: Information on virtual meeting to Admin "What's On"
- Email: Purchasing request from Andrea to Admin for payments
- Email: Online request for Google Meeting
- Email: March minutes to members present
- Email: Received request to add to May agenda
- Email: Request for Financial Reports
- Email: Received Financial Reports
- Email: Received from Admin – Forwarded to Angela
- Email: Received from Angela – Forwarded to Fiona
- Email: Received from Fiona - Gartrell Drive letter and poster
- Email: March Minutes to Fiona.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Grants

Elyse: There are multiple grants such as the Catholic Diocese and also Gambling grants up to \$30,000. Philip Thompson is another source of grants.

Catholic Diocese wants it to be engaging community. While previous grants were for one off purchases, they are looking for longer lasting engagement.

Previous recipients' ideas:

- Playgroup
- Cooking classes
- First Aide
- Cyber safety.

In previous meetings, Greg has said no to Playgroups as they are more for recruiting and our Prep numbers are strong.

Angela asked Elyse what help do you need? Would a working group be good?

Elyse: Staff member on working group or ask them what they want? They know the students and know what is relevant to our school. Feedback from high school is an issue around mental health.

Katrina also added that there is nothing wrong with a Playgroup as she ran one at her previous school. Playgroups are great for parents who are already here. Elyse added that it is a point of contact for defence and refugee families to make more connections.

Katrina asked Elyse to email her previous winners and they could discuss it further as a CLT.

P&F Father's Day

Andrea would like to run the Father's Day stall. To make sure she can get the gifts earlier than last time (no date has been mentioned on supplier's website), the executive thought that at this meeting we could preapprove spending up to \$5000.

Jane motioned for spending up to \$5000
Seconded Tony
Everyone present (in person and virtual) supported
Motion carried

Andrea added that she was not sure on prices and paper bags worked well but hoped to order better sizes.

Other:

Julie:

Catholic School Parents - Diocese of Townsville AGM 20th March 2021

The first guest speaker was Jacqui Francis, Executive Director of Townsville Catholic Education. Jacqui gave us a brief round down on Townsville Catholic Education Strategic Initiatives for 2021.

The second guest speaker was Carmel Nash, Executive Director of Catholic School Parents Queensland. Catholic School Parents Queensland (CSPQ) were so impressed by the Parent Engagement grants in Townsville that they will now be offering them state-wide. Four grants to the regional diocese and eight to Brisbane. Hence, they will be financing the grants in Townsville from now on, but they will still be run on a local basis with the same adjudicators.

Catholic School Parents Queensland will also be funding a mini conference which is to be held on 7th August this year. The Diocesan Council had intended to hold the conference last year, but it had to be deferred due to the pandemic. CSPQ have organised Andrew Fuller to be the keynote speaker and someone from the Fathering Project will also be speaking. CSPQ have also organised Andrew to speak in Mt Isa and that session will be open to parents of children in the state schools as well as the Catholic Schools.

The CSPQ are working on a project to enhance literacy, this programme will involve writing your family story. Carmel would also like parents in Townsville to participate in a project that they are currently running where you tell your story of being a Catholic Education parent. CSPQ believe when you enrol a child in school you also enrol the entire family.

The CSPQ secured extra funding from the State government which is allowing them to fund these and other initiatives.

Carmel attends many P&F meetings throughout the state, one school she attended runs their meetings by using the GROW principle. Greet, Resilience, Optimism and Work Ethic. Other school which are having trouble filling positions have a clause added to their constitution allowing current holders of executive positions to hold the position for a longer period if no one else is available. Other schools have gone away from the P&F model and are now Family and Community Engagement (FACE) or CAFE groups. These groups are no longer bound by a P&F Constitution but have a Charter. If any P&F group in Townsville wishes to change to a FACE group Carmel is happy to assist in this process.

Tony motioned that if we are going to continue with Zoom meetings the approval to spend up to \$500 to improve the technology could be needed.

Fiona questioned why spend money when she felt that the P&F hadn't given it a good enough 'crack' this time.

Tony asked what was wrong with us investing money to improve the meeting.

Tracey clarified that the motion on the table is to spend up to \$500 for improvements for future virtual meetings.

Tony motioned

Andrea seconded

All present (virtual/in person) supported

Motion carried with further investigation to be done by Julie.

Elyse asked do we have money to fix the OSHC soft floor playground?

Katrina answered yes, it is in the pipeline and underway. MMNQ and the school are going halves in the costs.

Andrea asked Nat about pre-loved uniform shop during the Mother's Day Stall and Nat mentioned that they will need volunteers to take over in the next 3 years as both Nat's and Rianne's children will be graduating. The process to start finding new helpers will need to start.

Consideration to get helpers:

Newsletter - Year 6 report on the ladies and photos

Suggestion for Ben Penna to do an advertisement – Sam mentioned that Ben is too busy

Year 10 volunteers – Sam thought that this would be inappropriate to have students working in the stall.

Chloe talked about creating a Year 4-7 weekly newsletter for OSHC.

Next Meeting – 14th June 2021

Meeting Closed: Closed 8:01pm

College Principal: _____

P&F President: _____