



St Finn Barr's Catholic Primary

Parents & Friends Association Meeting

6th June 2017

MEETING OPENED: 7.35pm

PRESENT: Sharee, Emily, Belinda, Danielle, Karene, Rochelle, Sharnee, Siobhan, Allison, Liz, Caroline, Annie, Bruce

APOLOGIES: Emma

PREVIOUS MINUTES: **Moved** Annie / **Seconded** Liz

BUSINESS ARISING from previous minutes

Mother's Day Stall

A big Thank you to Tammy and helpers for a fantastic Mother's Day Stall, again this year. Feedback has been great and it was agreed having Grade six girl helpers was a lovely addition and that it would be good to see it happen again next time.

There was feedback on communication with teaching staff about not needing to pay for children who do not bring their \$2. P&F don't expect the staff to pay and would let the children take home their gift in the event they don't end up bringing in their \$2. Suggestion to bringing money early, rather than on the day. Raised \$524.60

Steve Biddulph

All booked in. Steve is speaking on 'Secrets of happy children'. Online booking has begun, with advertising underway. Thank you Annie for organising this wonderful opportunity for St Finn Barr's community. Currently 15 tickets sold. Chairs will be set up by the students on the afternoon of the day, After School Care will be in Prep classroom due to this event. Previous years lighting was a issue with the school yard being really dark, new lighting that has since been installed this will hopefully fix this issue. Helpers are needed to guide people to the hall who haven't been to the school before, this would mean an early arrival if you are able to come and assist. Annie will also need helpers to collect tickets at the door. A wonderful opportunity, invite family and friends who would be interested. Tea and coffee will not be provided on the night.

Rock n Roll Night

Sharnee suggested a Rock n Roll theme this year. Date booked for Friday 11th August with Barry Nas and St Albies. Further co-ordination will happen at a following meeting. Known issues to accommodate this year include the children who were not supervised and this resulted in lots of running and misdirected energy. Suggesting more engaging songs that the children know with Barry for the enjoyment of the children.

School Magazine

Allison spoke with Glenn who shared how the school magazine was very stressful last year and Glenn is unsure if he was wanting to continue this year. A conversation around organisation of photos was again brought up. The poor organisation, he felt reflected badly on his own reputation. Liz is very aware of the challenges in the previous year and is happy to address them directly with Glenn to reassure him that she has a process in place that will prevent this being a problem.

Basketball Singlets

Arrived and already in use. Liz will arrange a photo with a thank you to the P&F for purchasing in the newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Tabled

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Tabled

TREASURER'S REPORT : Tabled

BOARD REPORT: Tabled

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Tabled

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Book Fair

Thank you to Emily for organising again. With Parent Teacher interviews in the first week of July, 6th, 5th and 4th. This would be a ideal time to hold the book fair. Discovery centre is not a good location as it is too disruptive to classes using the space. The hall stage was suggested, Liz will check with catholic care about sharing the space. Setting up the books will be on the Thursday 29th. \$60.00 voucher is available for prizes. Suggested competition could be a book review. We will be keeping books from the fair that we buy/receive as a P&F for prizes in Book week.

Parents Council

A representative is needed from the P&F/School board for the Parents council, they are responsible for representing the parents within catholic schools on issues that affect the catholic school community. No one was ready to commit to this tonight and it was suggested inquiring with the school board for a volunteer for this role.

Catholic Community Forums

Annie represented the parent body attending a forum where a survey for Catholic Parents was held. It was a interesting discussion on why and who is using Catholic Education. One of the speakers was Paul Dillon who spoke on "Keeping your child safe". The Australian statistics that we hear about actually start at age 12, the numbers are shocking, as it highlights the issues around earlier drinking for example.

Each year Paul Dillon talks on a different subject. They are available online at www.darta.com.au One of the quotes Annie took from the night as very grounding was 'You can do everything right and stuff can still go wrong'.

Parent Involvement

Discussions about teacher and parent involvement. This highlighted the curiosity around teacher introductions in newsletter. Teaching staff like the Music teacher, Sport teacher, Librarian are likely to be unknown to many parents.

Cross Country Feedback

Conditions were very, very cold on the day and the suggestion for warm drinks or a sausage sizzle was made to make the event more enjoyable in the cold conditions.

5/6 Football Tops

Unable to order more as they won't arrive before the end of the season. Concerns around addressing the issue of items of clothing not being returned in the past. Changing the culture around uniform items and being returned and not kept.

School Yard Bins

A question was presented about where the school yard bins are. Richard puts the bins in and out each day. There have been issues around rubbish in the school yard and to help with rubbish control and responsible eating habits there is now a 10 minute supervised eating time with the class teacher at recess and lunch.

Tractor Tyres

Tractor tires have been added to the playground with the need still remaining for more, Sharnee is going to look into sourcing large tractor tires.

School Fair

Only 3 meetings left until the school fair which is being held on Friday 27th October. Past fairs have had a single co-ordinator, this year it is being run differently with no single coordinator but a team effort.

Annie has created a Google Drive/Google Docs that contains files that list important fair information for everyone to access. Everyone is able to access the Documents and there is a App available. Annie took the time to go through the process with so we are all able to edit the documents as required.

Suggestion for general admission/family pass with activities included was tabled.

Bonnie has offered a quantity of makeup for a possible stall. She also has a hair straightener available for donation.

Lucy Jars are being stored in classrooms. Donations are coming in and we currently have 116 Jars donated. There was clarification on when the jar collection will come to an end. At this stage we will be expecting late jar arrivals as people decide to contribute but thank everyone who has already donated.

Belinda has booked fairy floss/popcorn snow cones, curly fries/potatoes. A designated food area based near the school canteen was decided.

Electrician is needed to tag and test, there are a couple of school families who may be able to assist.

Beer and Wine stall suggested. Bonnie would be interested in coordinating. This would mean purchasing wine for sale rather than sourcing donations.

Raffle - Donations that have been offered need to be listed on Google docs.

Needle in a haystack Stall - Major prize needed, possibly the bike the school has received. Allison interested in co-ordinating.

Money raised from the fair will return to the P&F with the vision of giving each class a large donation of money to spend on needed supplies.

Emily has organised a donation letter template that will be available on the drive. The letter is on the school letter head, this is the appropriate way to request a donation and will need to be used if you are sourcing a donation.

School Board Meeting with P&F

27th June P&F executive was to meet with the board, this meeting was an AGM. Liz will talk with the Board and organise a new date.

NEXT MEETING: 4/7/2017

Meeting closed: 9.24pm