

MINUTES

James Sheahan Catholic High School P & C Meeting No. 6

Date: 30 August 2017
Meeting commenced: 6.15 pm
Minutes by: Mary Taylor
Chaired by: Tom Capell

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| | <p>Present/Apologies Present: Lauren Ritchie, Angela Thornhill, Sandi McAtamney, Sarah Moloney, Kelly Porter, Shawn Dwyer, Kerry Ford, Tom Capell, Elizabeth McRae, Mellissa Livermore, Neal Livermore, Karen Fewster, Michelle Whiteley, Mark Pauschmann, Mary Taylor Apologies: Lisa Harris, Stew Vidler</p> |
| 6.1 | <p>Acceptance of previous minutes Moved – Tom Capell Seconded – Elizabeth McRae</p> |
| 6.2 | <p>Incoming/outgoing correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outgoing: • P&C submitted an application on 21 August for COLA grant (NSW Govt grant, forwarded to Orange City Council for possible selection), for a COLA over mixed sporting area adjacent to basketball/netball courts. • Email to Mr Donato MP, and to Mr Turner & Mr Munro (Councillors) inviting them to the RMS meeting in week beginning on 14 September. • Email to Winston West dated 22 August asking about ideas for projects around the school. • Incoming: • Letter from CEDB dated 7 August responding to our letter of 13 June – very interested in taking us up on our offer of our P&C ‘to be involved in organisation of future events for parents’. They will be in touch with us to take discussions further. • Email from Winston West dated 27 August mentioning water cooler funding possibility by P&C. |
| 6.3 | <p>President’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything is going along well, very positive results from the Voluntary Contribution, which is fantastic. • Very appreciative of all the families who support the P&C |
| 6.4 | <p>Principal’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some positives and some things to work on from the company that has surveyed some students, staff and community members about perceptions of James Sheahan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JS has a positive reputation but couldn’t say why <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Good reputation but could be more clearly articulated ▪ Opportunity to use communications to engage the community ○ Values are at an implicit level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grow the public face of our values to ensure our ongoing reputation and sustainability ○ JS students are active participants in their community. They are committed to supporting the disadvantaged and their actions are driven by purpose and principle. They are responsible and trustworthy ○ JS students are positive and inspired. They are visionary, working towards positive goals. They are agents of change. They have the confidence and strength of their convictions to take right action. |

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| 6.4 | <p>Principal's Report (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Passionately curious about the world around them. ○ Enjoy bold endeavours and high performance. ○ Enjoy a challenge ○ A sense of resourcefulness that comes from support ○ A strong self-esteem that energises them to face challenges ○ Passion for living and being part of the greater good ○ A wellspring of positive feelings that energises the next steps they take ○ Inspired by the positive regard for the wellbeing of self and others to take positive actions |
| 6.5 | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank balance at end of July was \$12,482.18. Since the last meeting on 26 July: • Income of \$125 from movie tickets and \$2.10 interest. • Treasurer's report appended to these minutes. |
| 6.6 | <p>Student Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Whiteley, who had been invited to our meeting as the school Wellbeing representative, gave a talk about student wellbeing. Points raised were: <p>Wellbeing initiatives at JSCHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPB4L Framework – Be Safe, be respectful, be a learner • Consistent classroom expectations • Day programs – Ignite and Spark, Brainstorm Productions, Brent Sanders, RYDA • Leadership training for Peer Support and leadership teams • Boys Ed – Teacher education, mentoring, intervention, readings • Future directions – RJ, School TV, Positive schools team • School Counsellor and Psychologist • There are already many day-long or short programmes run at James Sheahan, such as Brent Sanders for year 10s, talking to girls about harassment and how to deal with unwanted attention, and for boys about coercion and dating rules etc. • RYDA (safe driving course) for year 11s. • Jindabyne for year 9s. • However, the school can see the need for longer programmes that get students really thinking about their behaviour and how they relate to the world, how they're maturing, their purpose and goals etc. • Looking at a programme called 'the Rite Journey'. • Years 9 and 10 seem to be the years when such a programme would be most beneficial, and the school is looking at running the Rite Journey for two periods per cycle during year 9 (taking one period each from RE and PD), and one period per cycle for year 10. • The Rite Journey involves 'specially developed programs [that] involve adolescents in reflection, discussion and developing strategies around transitioning into adulthood'. • Website: http://theritejourney.com • There is also wellbeing initiative which is an internet platform for parent access to research problems their children might be having, with the possibility of online counseling and information, entitled School TV. • Set up by Dr Michael Carr-Greg. • Website: http://schooltv.me • The school would need to subscribe to the platform, then parents would be given an access code to access the platform. |

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| <p>6.6</p> | <p>Student Wellbeing (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rite Journey would most likely be implemented next year for year 9 students, after the teachers do their training later this year. • So far 16 teachers have applied, and around 10 teachers are needed. • Mr Pauschmann then acknowledged the role the P&C had played in asking the school to look at longer-running wellbeing programmes, and that it has taken some time, but that the school needed to investigate very thoroughly before committing to such an option. • Many other schools were consulted, in particular Catholic schools from Albury, Adelaide and Tasmania, about their perceptions of the Rite Journey, and how they fit it into a Catholic curriculum. Kinross is another school in Orange that has run the Rite Journey for some years now also. • The P&C was asked if it would be interested in funding the Rite Journey (\$12,000 to \$13,000 to train the teaching staff this year, then approximately \$1,400 annually for the licence fee) and/or also School TV at a cost of \$2,340 per annum. • Due to some parents at the meeting who hadn't yet seen or heard of the Rite Journey or School TV, the Committee decided to hold over voting for the two wellbeing options until people had been given a chance to read the information on the websites. • There were some concerns raised by a parent who has a programme he would like to implement himself at the school, as part of his business, and who will follow them up himself with Mrs Whiteley and Mr Pauschmann. • The Committee decided that voting would be held next week or the week after, once parents who were at the meeting have had a chance to read the information about the two initiatives. • The results of the voting, are appended to these minutes. |
| <p>6.7</p> | <p>Major fundraiser / social event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dinner dance (which was booked for 26 August) was cancelled on Monday 14 August due to too small a number of tickets sold in time to ensure that we could afford catering and music, without risk of losing money. Fortunately, the P&C was able to cancel the music and the food without cost. • Next year (2018) the P&C will host a family trivia night. • The P&C then need to work out what, if anything, parents and/or families might be interested in attending. |
| <p>6.8</p> | <p>P&C Project list update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary Contribution going well for 2017, with the final amount not able to be calculated until December. • Hopeful that the P&C will be able to look at funding a range of projects around the school. • P&C to hold a trivia night early next year. It will be a social activity for families, and raise some funds also. Our big fundraiser for the year. • Wellbeing funding – voting to be held over until after tonight's meeting attendees have had some time to read about the Rite Journey and School TV. • Sports equipment: noted that various sporting uniforms are needed for students representing the school. Resolved that the P&C would contact Mrs Jo Kingham (PD Coordinator) and Mrs Kylie Jordan (Sport) to ask for a wishlist. • Furniture for student seating on paved area outside hospitality area: to be considered at our end of year meeting, or early next year, once all the voluntary contributions for 2017 are received. • Water-bottle filler (Winston West & the SRC) \$1,975 – P&C agreed to fund. |

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| 6.9 | <p>Traffic Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The P&C has been attempting to get some sort of crossing for students on Anson Street since at least 2003. • School Executive and P&C had a meeting with RMS, Council and bus operators on 22 June (week 9 last term) to discuss Anson Street – a pedestrian crossing of some sort. Council stated they're doing their own pedestrian and traffic counts, then will pass them on to the RMS, which will then decide (using formulas) what is best to be done on Anson Street. • A meeting is organised for 14 September at 2pm with RMS, Council reps, bus reps and school reps. Three reps from P&C to attend. • We have also invited Mr Turner, Mr Munro (Councillors) and Mr Donato (NSW State MP) to attend. • P&C pedestrian count over two full days (69 and 83 total on each of those days) plus two additional afternoons – 33 and 36 students, but the afternoon with only 33 students was a year 12 trial afternoon (pedestrian count appended to these minutes). |
| 6.10 | <p>Garden Planting Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Short asked if the P&C would be interested in a planting day at JS – to plant along the new black fence near the student car park. He is ordering the plants and will let us know when they will be ready. Probably late September? • The P&C agreed that we would be happy to assist with a planting day, and we will ask Phil to notify us of when that will be so we can organise people to help. |
| 6.11 | <p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small tree for triangle in car park – • Follow up survey for wellbeing. Mr P suggested surveying students early in 2018, students from year 9, 10 and 11, and surveying each year to ascertain any changes in attitude and values. |
| | <p>Date & time for next meeting 6pm Wednesday 25 October at Kellys Hotel Meeting closed 7.55 pm</p> |

Monday 4 September 2017: Voting results on Wellbeing options

Meeting attendees: Tom Capell, Neal Livermore, Stew Vidler, Sandi McAtamney, Karen Fewster, Mellissa Livermore, Mary Taylor

There were also seven parents who voted by email.

The result was:

1. The P&C will fund the start up costs for the Rite Journey (\$13,000).
2. The P&C would like to be able to assist with the initial funding of the School TV platform (\$2,340), however, the P&C bank balance is not large enough at the moment to cover that also. But we will revisit the possibility of funding (or assisting with funding) at our last meeting of the year, or at our first meeting next year, depending on our bank balance at the time.
3. We will also look at the possibility of funding part of the ongoing costs of the Rite Journey and/or School TV, at the last meeting of the year, or the first meeting of next year, depending on our bank balance. Enough parents voted to revisit these options that we should look at them again later in the year.

ACTION PLAN**James Sheahan Catholic High School P & C****30 August 2017**

| Month | Item | Action | Whom | Complete By |
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| | | Review of school iPads – update Mark to request Laura Tilston to put some information in the newsletter re review being undertaken. First step is gathering information from teachers about what the issues from a classroom point of view are, then a student/parent surveys will be conducted | Mark | Ongoing |
| August | 6.8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Resolved that the P&C would contact Mrs Jo Kingham (PD Coordinator) and Mrs Kylie Jordan (Sport) to ask for a wishlist for sporting uniforms.Water bottle station to be funded for students (SRC to fund one, the P&C to fund the other) – notify Winston West, SRC Coordinator | Mary Mary | ASAP |
| August | 6.10 | Garden bed planting day – P&C agreed to assist Notify Mr Phil Short | Mary | ASAP |
| | | From previous meetings: | | |
| July | 5.11 | Small grant applications – talk to Andrew Kent, CYMS (rugby league & cricket) re seating around oval | Lauren | ASAP |
| April / May | 4.12 | Consideration of purchase of a plant for small triangle area in carpark – crabapple suggested. To be discussed with Mr Phil Short. | Libby | Next meeting |

James Sheahan P and C

Treasurer's Report

31/07/2017

Balance brought forward from December 2016 \$15,129.07

Income

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| Sponsorship | 0.00 |
| Movie Tickets | 800.00 |
| Dragon Boat Event | 0.00 |
| Trivia Night | 0.00 |
| Markets | 0.00 |
| Bank Interest | 16.61 |
| Sundry Income | 0.00 |
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| Total Income | \$816.61 |

Expenses

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| Raffle | 0.00 |
| Trivia Night | 0.00 |
| Movie Tickets | 0.00 |
| Dragon Boat Event | 0.00 |
| Markets | 0.00 |
| Fundraising | 0.00 |
| Postage | 0.00 |
| Bank Fees | 0.00 |
| Grants | 2,500.00 |
| Welcome BBQ | 286.50 |
| Sundry Expenses | 637.00 |
| Dinner Dance | 40.00 |
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| Total Expenses | \$3,463.50 |

Profit / Loss for 2017 -\$2,646.89

Balance at 31/07/2017 \$12,482.18