Minutes

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1.0 Welcome by P&F President, Rob Goldrick (RG)
2.0 Opening Prayer by Acting Deputy Principal Rachel McLean
3.0 Apologies: Lyn O’Neill, Geraldine King, Anne Cahill, Annette Moran

4.0 Minutes from previous meeting:
   Term 4 2014
   Proposed: F Ratcliffe
   Seconded: C Dunn

5.0 Business arising from Term 4 previous minutes of meeting: Items addressed in General Business.

6.0 Correspondence: None to speak of.

   6.1 Presentation by Music Department applying for P&F funds
   Presentation by Julianna Wickes & Alison Coates requesting funds for the purchase of a Marimba (percussion instrument) which involved video demonstration of the benefits of the instrument & handout. The cost is in the order $5399.00 for the marimba. Accompanying mallets a further $160.00.
   Proposed: J. Goldrick
   Seconded: Chris Raeside

7.0 Principal’s Report – Shane Hogan (SH)

   7.1 New Principal - SH announced new principal appointed to SVC is Anne Fry(AF). Known personally to SH as she has had extensive educational experience in the Jesuit tradition & very well regarded. SH to leave in 3 weeks time. Rachel McLean to step into the role of acting principal until AF arrives in June. SVC strategic plan will be launched by new principal.

   7.2 Communication – SH acknowledged there is a need to improve all forms of communication including “The Bulletin” & school is currently looking to the “My Schoolbag” app (as per Waverley).

   7.3 Building Renovation Update – on track for completion at end of Nov 2015. Phase at present is fit-out of all-weather walkway. Consultation for arts area to start.

   7.4 Order of Day Changes to Schedule – slight change to day following on from survey feedback from students/staff. Tutor group meetings now occur after 1st break. Next phase is to look at planning our days better at the strategic level. A committee in place to examine this. Heads of House also looking at the organisation of their day.

   7.5 Big Initiative – pastoral care/student office/heads of house to be physically located at the centre of the school reflecting the attitude of the school to maintain the welfare of students at the heart.

   7.6 Rose Reid (head of boarding) thanked P&F for the funding provided to boarding house. Currently spending funds on agreed items. 81 boarders in 2015 will benefit from funds.

   7.7 Robert Graham gave an extensive presentation into 2014 HSC results. Overall very pleasing with 25% students achieving an ATAR of 90+. Explained that the school receives valuable info from BOS in terms of results analysis. Mentioned that SVC looking at the strategic level how to attract girls to science & maths.
8.0 Treasurer’s Report – Chris Dunn

8.1 Current financial position presented by CD. P & F raised approx. $30,000 in 2014. Currently have approx. $90,000 in bank acct. Discussion around funding priorities.

Financial report
Proposed: Jo Goldrick
Seconded: Rebecca Hugonnet

9.0 President’s Report – Rob Goldrick

9.1 Some issues covered by Principal’s report. Focus to be on better communication between school & school community. Investigating a teleconferencing system so more parents can “connect” with meetings.

9.2 Canteen volunteers on hold due to building works.

9.3 Reminder that a discount stamp available for all those using KC carpark for meetings & functions.

President’s report
Proposed: Felicity Ratcliffe
Seconded: Chris Dunn

10.0 General Business

10.1 RG proposed that requests for P&F funds occur twice a year, with depts. applying for funding beforehand. Applications to be approved by executive prior to being put forward. Potential for P&F to fund schoolbag app.

10.2 Discussion regarding protocol of parent contact lists. Year 7 2015 contact list to be issued by school.

10.3 Potential date to welcome the new principal TBA. Always refer to website for school calendar of events & any changes

10.4 Update of cocktail party organisation by Rebecca Hugonnet. All going to plan. FR to organise volunteer list for help on the day. College Board have been invited through the chair. Trish Pryke organising raffle. Lucky door prizes. FR to donate wine.

10.5 Need to arrange parent organising committees for Years 10 & 11 formals. Glass Island cruises recommended.

10.6 Year Group Events – P&F has traditionally allocated $300.00 for these events. Still supported, but with invoices presented & based on a minimum no of attendees. Motion supported.

10.7 Spring Fair – no carpark available this year. Possible to revise layout making use of basketball courts (take down fencing). Need a planning meeting for fair in early Term 2.

10.8 P&F Pages within school website. Rachel advised a review happening with website. Liz Connolly the new point of contact for website matters.

10.9 P&F Executive Spending Limits – without approval it was proposed that the limit be $4,000.00

Spending Limit
Proposed: Rob Goldrick
Seconded: Felicity Ratcliffe

10.10 General discussion re P&F role/input into school rules particularly around uniform. A uniform evaluation had occurred last year but with little follow-up. Agreed that we need to further educate parent community as well as students. SH pointed out the difficulties of enforcing these rules when parents don’t. Rachle MCLean will look into this issue further & respond. Discussion around current demerits system re responsibilities and behaviours.

10.11 Please advertise venue of meeting next time.

Meeting closed 9.25pm
Next meeting 715pm Tuesday 19 May 2015