



## **AGM Meeting Minutes**

### **P&F**

#### **Term 1, Tuesday 7 March 2023**

The meeting is to be held via Google Meet, commencing at 6:30 pm.

**Attending:** Joelle Bailey; Colette Baini; Franny Bates; Naomi Blundell; Jemma Briscoe; Pete Connelley; Holly Davies; Henrietta Dermody; Michelle Dillon; Anne Fry; Lisa Hunter; Beck Kilcran; Jenny Killinger; Martin Laird; Leisha Major; Elena Ferrari; Kalliope Polyronis; Lyndal Rose; Steve Rubenstein; Davina Greenberg; Felicity Dunne

#### 7. Welcome and Opening Prayer

- Welcome by Leisha Major
- Opening prayer & Acknowledgement to Country by Anne Fry – pray for Ross Mary Crotty's husband and college prayer for justice said.

#### 7. Minutes & issues from Previous Meeting – all passed

#### 7. AGM

**2023 P&F Executive Committee:** committee stepped down and Anne Fry ran the nomination and election process for this section of the meeting:

- Executive Committee Positions
  - President: Leisha Major- self-nominated – Holly seconded; no one else nominated or opposed.
  - Vice President: Trisha Rubenstein – Leisha nominated – Lisa seconded; no one else nominated or opposed.
  - Treasurer – Lisa – Leisha nominated – Tricia seconded; no one else nominated or opposed.
  - Secretary – Elena – self-nominated – Felicity seconded; no one else nominated or opposed.

Committee confirmed for 2023 by Anne Fry –



- President: Leisha Major
- Vice President: Trisha Rubenstein
- Treasurer – Lisa Hunter
- Secretary – Elena
- **2022 - Financial Report of Audit** – Attached are the audit documents supplied by Lisa.
  - Accounts were audited by Summers and Summers all cleaned and signed off all
  - The ACNC work has been completed (lodged)
  - Revenue from spring fair 2022 \$46k profit. Lisa walked us through the P&L 2022 fin year audited documents.
  - Closing balance \$215,813. Made up of term deposits and money raised throughout 2022.

**2022 Principal's Report – AGM** – 2022 was a recovery year for the college after covid, high transmission events/rates did occur due to the return of community events. 2022's Value was hope and was in much of what was achieved for desired change. Thank all P&F for all support and initiatives Leisha, Tricia, Lisa, Elena, Renee, Cherie and David.

4. **Principal report** –term 1 2023: 165 years of the college has a resemblance of normality, first time in 4 years there has been a normal return to the school year.
- During the 165th year of the College, we will explore the theme of justice.
  - HSC – Outstanding HSC results and regathered sense of optimism and confidence. The results were outstanding by our own measure, and by the SMH definition of success. 2022 students are invited back for the start of the school year to recognise teachers and students. Two students topped the State in
    - a. 2u Studies of religion
    - b. Ancient history



- Year 12 Started the year with a formal and will end with a graduation event. This is the second year in a row and has been successful all pressure on what is being worn all finished before the school starts.
- Anne and other staff will take year 9 to Broken Hill from 27 March – 6 April for an experience in the desert environment. They will spend most of their time out beyond Broken Hill, there will be some challenging parts and basis for some extended learning.
- Retreats and camps for all other years will be going ahead hoping for fine weather.
- Art Exhibition major sequel to the cocktail party.
- Cocktail party weather came but didn't dampen.
- Season of Lent, Ash Wednesday embracing vegetarian food in the canteen on a Friday.
- Lyndal is the new community relations manager for the school.
- Mary Crotty's husband has passed away his death was sudden.
- School resignations: Maryanne D moving to be Head of Maths in another school. Edelle McCrudden moving home to Ireland and the school nurse has left to teach at TAFE. Now busy recruiting. A new nurse has been, appointed and other positions will be filled without a loss of momentum for the students. Girls have lost their relationship with these teachers which is sad and a very important connection for female students.

7. **President Update** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year running for the cocktail party have been able to meet lots of parents and a successful cocktail party in week 3 it was so well run that we ran out of beer.

- Holly will give an update on the art exhibition.
- P&F Executive Committee met to ensure all was aligned and where will we spend these funds for our daughter's education and build a connection with the parents. We have decided to send out a survey, to entice parents to fill it out we are offering to go into the draw for 2 tickets to the art exhibition. The purpose of the survey is to hear what the parents want and this will drive the agenda and plan for the year going ahead. What do they want to spend money on? Term 2 will discuss the survey results and people's enthusiasm will determine if



we run the school fair this year.

7. Art exhibition update: Holly – as this is an Inaugural event it has been a huge task setting it all up, we have been meeting for 18 months. There have been 10 very active and four losing sleep. There will be a roster for the event, hoping to fill that from the art committee maybe we could also seek other 3 parents to help. Desire to bring the community (parent community) together for the Friday night event.

- Question to the P&F meeting participants: With all the notes going out are you feeling you are being informed? all said yes,
- 40+ artists over 100 pieces of work will be up for sale on a set commission. 50% of all funds raised are going to Lou's Place and the other 50% will go to the SVC Art facility.
- The intention is to change the department and charity each year as the art exhibition moves on.
- Ticket sales have not been great, we are three and a half weeks out, you can bring your friends along and have a great night out or Saturday come along anything without a red dot will you will be able to purchase on the Saturday.
- Thank you in advance.

7. **Treasurer Report** - 7 March report – cocktail party not a fund raiser more about bringing parents together this year there was a \$1,000 surplus.

- Income in art exhibition so far with the five sponsors is \$4,000, this will assist with paying some of the costs for lighting and staging etc, some expenses for art and alcohol will be carried over to the art exhibition;
- audit costs \$880;
- some interest on term deposits \$780;
- cash balance \$220,000
- allocated money agreed to pay \$100,000 of available funds and other student and department requests are in.
- Question for Anne – student requests such as garden and recycling a few years ago however not much coming through. AF - SRC have



been pushed however not much has come through (AF) has requested funding on behalf of stem but not students directed.

Question for AF could we run a survey for students or does it clash with the role of the SRC? AF - SRC moving into the space of student voice and shaper of culture in the school. Surveying students for their initiatives they may want seed funding for is a good idea remembering we need to temper that with realism so it is not outside the scope of the P&F.

## 8. General Business

**Year 10:** More opportunities be made available to our Year 10 students this year to compensate for the lost opportunities in the past. – feedback from students and parents – yr9 out to Broken Hill – rumblings in yr 10, previous camp disasters, it would be amazing if an opportunity be available for them. Things like the ski trip and Tanzania are no longer offered. Their high school engagement has been low opportunities offered and engagement in co-curricular, and there is only a small window for engagement before years 11 and 12 to engage them for school memories. AF – Year 10 formal will go ahead and year 10 camp will be engaging; there is a strong co-curricular program however it is acknowledged there is a very low participation rate amongst this cohort, the school is in conversation with a travel agent in relation to the language trip next year. Jemma Rice hopefully will come to the school this year and the question will be asked to see if girls can go back to Tanzania in the future remembering that Tanzania has low levels of covid vaccination.

- To clarify the years invited on some of the additional opportunities:
  - a) Year 11 eco immersion to QLD will be offered next year. – 2022 35 girls attend the Cairns experience and it went well it was around ecology the girls loved it and raved about it.
  - b) Ski trip was generally offered to 9 10 11 and 12; (Ski trip was very small never attracted a large number of children due to the extreme cost of 5 days)
  - c) Tanzania 11 and 12 (Tanzania and Warralong which were once offered were replaced with the year 11 eco immersion)



- d) Paul Dillon – is a three-year program beginning with year 10 then 11 and 12, before this age group he believes it is parent territory. The girls love his message and love him. **Parents question**, could we do more things like Paul Dillon? Always looking for someone who is engaging and authentic voice. Looking for people on consent, consent labs were good and held for students in the stage 5 area.
- e) The Dean of middle school is looking, David W, for things out there.
- f) The staff are encouraging girls in co-curricular activities, but cannot fix the deficit. The feedback is legitimate some of it is getting the girls into participation,
- g) The Oxbridge program is very expensive, and run by an independent group this year 10 parent cohort were not keen. 2022 had 15 attend.

AF - All these experiences are horrendously expensive and are we catering for a very small section of families, trying to find something that more could share in that is not overly expensive. Are looking for different experiences so they feel different stages of 7 and 8; 9 and 10; 11 and 12

“The year 10 girls haven’t had any fun things to do” – AF - The concept of fun is very different for an adolescent is very different to what a school would choose to put on, consider learning and giving back being with school community group.

**Work experience:** Why does the school not offer a work experience program? AF – work experience was very common and a universal experience many years ago and helped define what you never wanted to do again. Now it is vocational education and work placement. Companies are happy to take Work Placement, not Work Experience as their own obligation under OH&S would be extreme. Some students do seek family connections over the holiday period work experience the school can help with the insurance if needed. Helen Marshall can direct you in this area. Companies cannot cope with everyone going in one week, many companies do not have



employees in the office all week due to changed working environments.  
Work placement is the new way of moving.

**Secondhand clothing stall** at the start of terms 2 and 4 – the idea would be to hold a stall at the turn of each season, Term 2 selling summer clothes, term 4 selling winter clothes. It would be P&F run. AF is happy to explore the idea of recycling. Uniforms are not single-use items. Currently, there are two trestle tables of unclaimed items. Every week 10 or 15 beautiful lunch boxes are collected. No one claims them, uniforms, shoes nothing is claimed. The committee investigate logistics and come back.

**Funding requests** music would help every year 7 and physics – P&F Committee response: we will come back looking for long term what we want to do with the funds, we don't want funds sitting there.

## 7. Future Meetings

- a. Tuesday 23rd May at 6:30 pm
- b. Tuesday 22nd August at 6:30 pm
- c. Tuesday 17th October at 6:30 pm