

P&F General Meeting: Bethania St Vincent's College Rockwall Crescent POTTS POINT NSW 2011

MINUTES P&F General Meeting – 3 AUGUST 2021

P&F Executive Committee:

Katherine Aitken	(KA)	President
Robbie Wells	(RW)	Vice President
Lisa Hunter	(LH)	Treasurer
Justine Hughes	(JH)	Secretary
Anne Fry	(AF)	Principal
Renee Payne	(RP)	College Liaison

Present

Katherine Aitken, Lisa Hunter, Robbie Wells, Justine Hughes, Anne Fry, Renee Payner, Catherine George, Polly Dermody, Shannon Parawa, Sue Cobden, Elanor Pomering, Fiona Patchett, Jen Killinger, Anna Sandham, Leisha Emmanoui, Monica Richter, Kate Lloyd

Meeting commenced via Zoom at 6:00pm.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

- KA welcomed all including Renee Payner as the new Community & Alumnae Relations Manager and thanked the staff for stepping into Foxford Learning so well this term.
- Opening prayer & Acknowledgement to Country said by AF

2. Apologies

- None

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Moved by KA, seconded by JH.

4. Issues Arising from Previous Meeting

- No matters arising.

5. Principal's Report

- AF reflected on Mother's Day Dinner being a huge success, and how fortunate for the athletics carnival, production and practice house dances to be held and grateful that the Year 7 camp was able to take place as well as four days of the SVC annual ski trip.
- Term 2 excursions were impacted by bad weather and planned seminars for Years 9 & 10 as well as the Fathering Project initiatives have had to be postponed for Term 3.

- AF updated the meeting on the impact of Level 4 restrictions and that the College was operating with only four staff able to be on site at a time with all other staff working remotely. The constant changes in government policy is challenging to navigate and implement with certainty for staff, students and parents.

6. Treasurer's Report

Refer attached report

7. President's Report

- KA expressed disappointment that the Spring Fair will not be able to proceed due to COVID restrictions. Alternate online events or activities have been considered but at this stage agreed that it was not an appropriate time to focus on fundraising.
- KA acknowledged challenges to foster parent to parent connection especially for new parents due to limited opportunities and lack of weekend sport.

8. General Business

- Discussion regarding a Year 12 specific information session for parents, AF was agreeable and would come back to via separate correspondence to Year 12 parents.
- Discussion regarding the level of pastoral care available to students via Tutor Groups and Heads of House. AF advised that there is strong tracking of student engagement via tutors and teachers and direct contact made with parents if required.
- KA and RW raised discussion of a special gift for Year 12 students to acknowledge their unique situation in Term 3. AF confirmed that the College would not let the Class of 2021 depart the school without due celebration. Special gift to be considered and P&F would be happy to contribute.

9. Future Meetings

- 6.30pm, Tuesday 2 November 2021

Meeting closed at 6.45pm.