

St. Patrick's College Parents & Friends' Association

General Meeting, Tuesday, 15 August 2017

Welcome: Greg welcomed all and thanked them for their interest in the Association and attendance at the meeting.

Opening Prayer: *Prayer for a Parent*

Meeting Chair: Greg Boon

Minute Taker: Stephen Burke

Status of Minutes: The minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 August will be distributed in draft form and approved at the next meeting.

Attendees: Greg Boon, Simon McInerney, Stephen Burke, James Byrne, Tony Daley (Principal), Adriana Sorman, Filomena Brown, Damian von Samorzowski

Apologies: Ann Viney, Janette Kenyon

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the General Meeting held on the Tuesday, 20 June 2017 were tabled.

Decision: The minutes were true and correct

Proposed: James Byrne **Seconded:** Tony Daley

Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. Undertake a Review of the Constitution (Action Item 1/17)

Action: Tony Daley provided a copy of a Constitution from another Catholic College, and Stephen Burke undertook to contact the TCEO on the off chance they held a copy of the most recent Constitution in their records.

- b. Re-Branding of SPP&FA Stationary (Action Item 13/17)

Action: The College re-branding exercise is still in progress and Stephen Burke will contact Tina Boon for an update.

c. Changes to Management of SPP&FA Finances (Action Item 6/17)

(Refer Treasurer's Report)

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil

Treasurer's Report: James Byrne advised that a meeting had been held with Michelle Walker (College Accounts Department) to further the consolidation of Association funds within the College system and to progress outstanding payments. Following this meeting, a request was sent to transfer funds from the Association Account to the College Account and arrangements were agreed to process payments for all current accounts and the process to be followed for managing future transactions and providing reports for the Treasurer.

The Treasurer tabled the following documents:

- A statement of the Association's financial position as at 15 August 2017

Decision: Statement of current financial position is accepted.

Proposed: James Byrne

Seconded: Stephen Burke

Principal's Report: Tony Daley advised that while information gathering was an ongoing process, he felt that he now had sufficient information for a starting point to 'attack' some of the low hanging fruit. Key focus areas were academic outcomes and external results (NAPLAN). To support these focus areas the College has advertised two new leadership positions in the Middle School to oversee Maths/Science and English. He further advised that while the Learning Enhancement Program was working well, he had identified a need for an extension program for the more gifted students. Additionally, achieving e-Learning excellence was a key strategic requirement for the College and a position had been advertised to oversee this. Finally, Tony advised that the a strategic plan for the next five years, incorporating the College's response to the Archbishop's Charter, was nearing completion.

Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council: Greg Boon advised the meeting of the upcoming presentation of 'Screenagers' at the local cinema. He gave some background on the film content and advised that the TCSPC had fully subsidised the cost of attendance for parents and teaching staff to encourage participation.

The latest TCSPC Newsletter had been published electronically and Greg sought the support of the College in facilitating its distribution amongst parents and teaching staff. It was noted that there was a link in 'Schoolbox' that had been highlighted in the College newsletter.

Greg also noted the upcoming Governance Conference and the importance of considering parental engagement as part of any revised governance model for Catholic schools. The Conference provided an opportunity to promote the value of parental engagement and to encourage greater participation from all involved.

General Business:

Only one issue was raised:

a. Canteen food quality:

Further to the previous discussion at the last meeting, Adriana Sorman suggested the frequency of the Association meetings was not enough to deal with important issues as they arose. She advised that she had met the Canteen Manager to discuss food quality and the menu options provided.

After discussion about her feedback from the Canteen Manager and her ongoing concerns the consensus of the other members was that the choice of food and whether it was to be purchased from the Canteen was primarily a parental responsibility and that the current menu choices were good. Adrian lodged a protest against the food offerings based on her concerns over the quality of food ingredients and ongoing health concerns around some food and drink menu options.

Meeting Closed: 9.00pm.

Next meeting: General Meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2017, at 7.30pm

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

St. Patrick, Pray for us/St. Mary MacKillop, Pray for us.

Signed President: