



General Meeting
MINUTES

Monday 21st September 2020 - 7:30pm – Mirrabooka Library

Opening Prayer: Father, we ask that you guide us as parents and friends of this School as we seek to support all that is best in its life, now and in the future.

Grant that we together, with all who are involved in the education of our children, pass on Christian standards and values of life that seek to affirm all that we do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

AMEN

- 1. Welcome and Apologies** Paul Izzett
 - 1.1. Attendees: Peter Hele, Tali Mayall, Paula Humphreys, Linda Peet, Carolyn Rowcliffe, Paul Izzett, Heather Luck, Tara Hackett, Dee Faulkner, Janine McGrath
 - 1.2. Apologies: Anna Lurie, Michelle Beor, Michelle Jansze, Athena Razmovski, Leah Allen, Rachel Newton

- 2. Review of previous minutes** Paul Izzett

Minutes from previous meeting, 3rd August 2020, passed in by Carolyn & Pete

- 3. Actions Arising from General Meeting 3rd August 2020** Paul Izzett

Nothing extra not noted in the agenda

- 4. Correspondence** Secretary
 - 4.1. Correspondence In
 - Pre-K parent inquiring about class lists
 - High school teacher regarding proposed language workshop
 - 4.2. Correspondence Out - NIL

- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1. President** Paul Izzett

We had a fantastic sausage session for Founders Day. We unwrapped, sauced and rewrapped lots of sausages. Linda, myself and another parent helped at Mirrabooka. Carolyn, Heather and another parent helped at Beechboro. The disco was very well attended, lots of happy kids. Some feedback suggesting only 1 hour for the older group next time. Lots of song requests. Perhaps have some ear plugs on hand next time. But a great success and they all had fun. Other news to discuss, Grandparents Day, International Teachers Day, letters from School Council, update on class lists, information on the recycling and discuss finding ways to co-opt parent helpers.

 - 5.2. Treasurer** Carolyn Rowcliffe

August was an uninteresting month in terms of funding. Some money was received from the Entertainment Book sales. They've changed how they do it now, it doesn't just run for a year, it's ongoing. We usually get about \$3,000 a year, we got \$800, so I suspect it's a proportionate amount and sales are probably down this year.



5.3. Principal

Jason Bartell

Last meeting, we talked about events that were reinstated on the calendar. A Mid Summer Nights Dream performance, there were 3 shows, half-filled but you didn't lose the theatre feel and audience participation, so it was a good way to go. The Year 12's were grateful to actually hold it and have the opportunity to perform. The Interhouse Athletics carnival has been had and won. The disco feedback was similar to what has already been discussed. Shorter time slots, K-2 45 min and 1hr for 3-6. Fantastic night for all. Year 11 dinner dance was the same night. Founder's Day was held over 4 services, with the culmination of a whole school colour run was fantastic. There was some hesitancy with some secondary staff/students but there was excellent attendance on the day and everyone got involved. A great day and will be carried onwards. ACC Interschool Athletics has been and gone last week. We are in B Division and came 4th but the difference between 4th and 1st was about 25 points, so it was really close. Further to feedback from last P&F meeting regarding school tours, we are about 2/3 through our current Year 6 cohort and the parents are enjoying seeing the secondary aspect of the school. Noting too, we have changed the wording of the letter, we do assume you will transition from 6 to 7 (if you come to JSRACS as a K-12 school) but wrong to assume you know what all the facilities are and how it works. So the school tours for our Year 6's next year will happen in March/April. We will invite our Year 6 parents and students in to have a look around the secondary school and this will also trigger the conversation regarding scholarships. There will be 2 new internal scholarships offered next year, one academic and one music, so these can be discussed early for the students wishing to apply. UniReady Program through Curtin University was applied for and won a position. We have 5 major pathways for Years 10-12 that assist children to get to where they wish to be. One of those pathways was called the Flexible Pathway, not a direct ATAR entry, you can do a mix of ATAR and General courses, and then a bridging course, which a lot of students do that into university. What we are now doing is with the Flexible Pathway, offering the UniReady Program, which through good marks in your General courses and a couple of certificate courses, the university will accept you based on your grades and assessments that you achieve. Then you go do a bridging course while at school, so then you enter university with those direct ATAR entry pathways. We will limit the program to about 25 students and there will be an interview process to be selected for that. Its another element to what we offer, so 5 clear pathways plus the UniReady pathway. More detail will come out to those students towards the end of the year ready for next year.

5.4. School Council

Paula Humphreys

Our biggest news is no fee increase for 2021, which is exciting for parents in these hard economic times. Jason touched on the couple of new scholarships which will be offered, Academic & Music, which brings it up to 5 scholarships: Terry Hann, David Hill, Basketball, Music & Academic. Strategic planning holiday session was held at the end of August and worked on the 10 strategic plan and the budget for 2021.

6. General Business

6.1. Primary Disco Report

Final costings still to come. About 345 kids in total, raised about \$1,700 with about \$1,200 expenditure, (DJ & party bags etc) so will make a few hundred dollars out of that. Lots of parents late to buy tickets this time, some with Flexischool issues. More reminders next time. Also to note, this was first community event post COVID so parents possibly a bit lax. Gym got quite dark for the later session and would be good to create a fun atmosphere,



could we investigate some lighting, lasers, disco balls, smoke machine options for next year.

6.2. 2nd Hand Uniform Sale / School Lost Property

Date is locked in for 10th October, however MB gym is already booked on that day. Option to use the Primary Multi Purpose Room or the BB gym. Primary Multi Purpose Room has the flexibility to open the glass doors and provide a larger area, so would seem the better option. There has been some discussion regarding the large collection of lost property. Email to go out to parents offering last chance to collect lost clothing items, then what's remaining will go to the P&F to sell at the swap meet. Carolyn to collect BB lost property and Paula to collect MB. Volunteers Tali, Carolyn, Rachel, Heather, Janine. Carleen hoping to cater at the event, waiting for final confirmation from her.

6.3. School Council Seats

Two letters were received from School Council. Paula Humphreys position is up for renewal and they are happy to extend her tenure. As per the constitution, the executive committee can approve this, so that was done. Another seat is also available to be filled and as per their letter, are looking for someone with project management/engineering and/or architectural design skill set. Paul will forward the nomination letter to the committee members for consideration. If unsuccessful in finding a P&F nominee, the invitation would then be extended to the whole school parent body.

6.4. Carols On The Green

Following the brief discussion last meeting, Aline Stepan has asked if the P&F would assist with this event. More specifically looking at funding the purchase of battery powered candles. Costing quotes range from \$1,500-\$2,200. Option of logo/message to be printed directly on candle or apply printed stickers. We can sell at the event for \$1/\$2. Good idea. Ratify expense of \$2,200 for candle purchase, passed by consensus.

When we have outdoor events the school always hires their sound systems. The school has priced up a sound system at approx. \$10,000-\$15,000. This would be used for all outdoor events such as, The Twilight Fair, Carols on the Green, sports carnivals, The Colour Run, etc. Jason will forward quote to Paul to be distributed for consideration by the committee. The P&F were approached regarding this some years ago but opted for staging & lighting at the time. The hire cost each time is approx. \$2,000, so cost would be made back in about a year.

6.5. Container Deposit Scheme

The school has already registered both campuses. Sue Oldfield and Tanya Quinn have setup a sustainability project as an educational perspective. There will not be a collection point at the school. Containers will be deposited at nominated venues and you give out the school's code. Details will be sent out

6.6. Class Lists

We can follow the old process to get this up and running for term 4. New parents are not connecting as normal due to restrictions, so would be good to have reference point, especially for the younger year groups. Information could be collected via Survey Monkey rather than filling in paper forms. The school is also looking into the Class List App for parents to load their info into. This could also be a P&F communication forum.



Other Business

International Teachers Day – 13th/14th October are the dates from Georgia. Paula to confirm with Carleen re catering. Numbers are usually 50 for BB primary, 50 for MB primary and about 104 for secondary. Ratify \$1,000 expenditure for gifts & food, passed by consensus.

Grandparents Day – This will be held under a different format this year and P&F assistance won't be required.

Year 11 Camp Bags – bags have been ordered and are on their way. Hoping to have them ready perhaps by 18th or 25th October, camp is 28th-30th October. Volunteers available: Pete, Heather, Paula.

Uniform Vests – Pete has a quality vest option available, not hi-vis, logo printing available, range of colours. Paul to distribute quote for consideration.

Year 6 Recipe Books – recipes are following in, samples shared look great.

7. Next General Meeting

19th October 2020 – 7:30pm – Beechboro Library

Closing Prayer: The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen