



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Parents and Friends Association

Meeting 3 February 2015

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm
Opening Prayer: Tim Hogan
Present Tim Hogan, Ellinor Allen, Karen Walker, April Hampson, Winifred Martens, Mairi-anne Macartney, Gurpreet Singh, Andrew Peart, Biklesh Prasad, Dennis Georges, Dereje Fayisa, Jody Henerson, Sharon Miller, Naomi Bartlett, Rinos Pasura, Debra Dunn, Julie Domingue, Marie Bignoux, Yoannes Mojook, Noel Lalouette, Samantha Benson, Souraya Karaam, Jay Wijayaweere, Phendavy Frichitthavong.

Apologies: Rebecca Ramsdale, Jodie Redman & Kerrin Laws

Minutes: From 2nd September 2014, read by all and acknowledged by Ellinor.

Correspondence in: Bank Accounts, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Permits

Correspondence out: Nil

Principals' Report: Tim outlined our direction for 2015, the support of the school of the "whole" student and how both home and schoolwork together will ensure the best outcome for our students.

Tim also mentioned the building at both Campuses and expected finishing dates for each.

He also presented a short PowerPoint (which will be available for viewing on the school website)

The College will also require a new sculpture for the East Campus and Tim mentioned the procedure, that mirrors the one used some years ago at the West Campus involving students, school, Parents & Friends and the artist engaged is being started this year.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Walker presented Treasurers Report, balance of account approx. \$13,500.00. This amount is made up of fundraising by the P&F through Ritchie's, Pavers, Sausage Sizzles and Entertainment Book initiatives.

Karen outlined to new members attending how the P&F supports our College by donating these funds to the school via varied initiatives, for example, assisting with the cost of the Sculpture at West Campus, Library equipment, The Avenue upgrade, Pavers at the Reflection Garden as part of the Sculpture, Bench seats around the school and assisting the HPV (Human Powered Vehicle) St Peter's College team.

General Business: General discussion on planning for the Bunnings Cranbourne Sausage Sizzle; on Saturday 21st February, not only as a fundraising opportunity, but a wonderful PR exercise to show case the school and our students to the greater community. Parents supervise the students (they do most of the work), which is wonderful experience for all involved. There is a roster, 1 Hour shifts so please ring the office on 5990 7777 to sign up

Discussion regarding the new style uniform was raised by a parent attending the meeting, he wondered about the banding at the bottom which does not allow shirts to be tucked in, *Tim replied that as a whole the uniform was changed based on feedback from all parties, previous shirts allowed for "shirt tails" to hang out – which incurred a lunchtime detention, the new style can be worn outside (not tucked in) but when out still present as a corporate look while giving students an easy to wear shirt.*

Also discussed was that East Campus does NOT have a bell, and students may be "lost" as to class times and when/where they should be. *Tim replied that the East Campus has a no bell environment giving students and staff more responsibility to be self-sufficient. To be where they should be on time by their own recognisance.*

School books like the Bible and Atlas were discussed, as Lamont have run out of stock, where else can families buy from? (*Amazon was mentioned by a few parents*). *Second Hand Uniform website also sells second hand books and some parents have sourced through there. Visit College Website for details or log on to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au*

A major discussion was the BYOD (school laptops), main issues were the cost of laptops, the minimum requirements and why the programme as a whole introduced. *Tim replied moving forward the school and many schools were subsidised to introduce computers to students, the school is aware of costs especially if you have a few children in the family attending the school. The College Finance Department is approachable to discuss each family's needs on a personal basis. In the main the parents agreed that the College Program was the best, allowing for budgets to be taken into consideration, and that laptops are far more serviceable into the student's years of education.*

Tim invited all families to each Campuses HOUSE WELCOME Evening. EAST on Tuesday and WEST on Wednesday. These nights are a fantastic opportunity to meet House Leaders, Learning Advisors and Teachers of your son/daughter.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Next meeting: 17 March 2015, at the West Campus Staff Room

Fundraising News: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle booked for Sat 21/2/15.

All welcome to assist "many hands make light work- and increase turnover of sausages/drinks and money".