



Parents and Friends Committee Meeting 5th September 2017

- Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm
Present: Chris Black, Ellinor Allen, April Hampson, Jeana Thomas, Mairi-anne Macartney, Karen Walker
Apologies: Naomi Bartlett, Bec St Mart, Paul Leitao, Britany Moloy, Jodie Redman, Sharon Miller
Correspondence in: SPC Financial Report
Correspondence out: Nil
Welcome: From Acting President April Thompson
Opening Prayer: Chris Black
Guest Speaker: **Chris Windley**

I always considered teaching as a career path; it just took me 25 years to get there.....

Teaching was listed as my preference one of my VTAC preferences following the completion of my HSC at De La Salle College in the mid 1980's. I was always destined, however, to 'follow in my father's footsteps' and take-up a career in accounting. To this end, I studied a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) at Monash University, Caulfield Campus, while working across the road in my father's sole practitioner accounting practice in East Malvern.

After my father left the accounting firm, I developed the practice in Australia and New Zealand using my contacts in the network marketing industry. The advent of GST in Australia in 2000 signalled the death knell for sole practitioner accounting practices, due to increased compliance requirements, and I sold my practices and concentrated on financial consulting to industry. My clients included Sky Channel, Racing Victoria and numerous IT "start-up" companies in the IP (Internet Protocol) Broadcasting space.

My teaching career commenced with an offer to join the Learning Enhancement Centre equivalent at De La Salle College as a Learning Support Officer. As I was between consulting contracts, I agreed and spent an immensely rewarding two years working with students with special needs. During this time I completed my Graduate Diploma (Teaching and Learning) and in my third year I was allocated a teaching load that included VCE teaching in Business Management, Economics and Accounting. After three years of cutting my teeth teaching in an all-boys school, I was successful when applying for a leadership position at De La Salle, and held the position of VCE Coordinator until accepting a teaching position at St. Peter's in 2017, which fitted in with the bigger life plans of my wife and I.

My transition to St. Peter's College this year also included a move by my wife who joined the LEC (also from De La Salle!) on the East Campus at the start of Term 2. With grown up children, who have all left home (with one gorgeous granddaughter already and the hope of lots more!). My wife and I had already decided on a sea change and a move to the coast along with a change in schools. My first months at St. Peter's College have been extremely rewarding with classes at Year 7, 8, 11 & 12 levels in Accounting, Mathematics and Digital Technologies. In this past week, I have been advised that I have been successful in securing the role of Senior Curriculum Leader on East Campus for 2018. While sad to leave West, I am excited at the prospect of yet again a new career challenge next year and getting the chance to meet many new and friendly faces at East Campus.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Accepted by E Allen and Seconded by J Thomas

Principal Report: Chris Black

Chris shared what has happened at the school since last meeting.

- Athletics Competition East & West campus
- Solomon Island Trivia Night
- Nuns on the Run activity at West

- Winter Sleep Out East & West Campus
- Breakfast Club at West
- Shine Conference at West. CEO Diocese Sales seven Secondary schools in attendance, with Bishop Pat
- Science Week
- Trade Skills Centre building official blessing and opening with Bishop Pat

Treasurer Report: April Hampson

Bank balance \$10,873.55

General Business: Chris Black

- Chris unveiled the Masterplan for the WEST campus, exciting changes and renovations to the campus.
- In 2018, the College would like to offer the services of an outside supplier for student laptops. One supplier would mean all laptops would have the same capabilities, better service to repair, quick turn around on repairs /24 hours, drop off/pick up at school, warranties and uniformity for all. *There is still the choice to buy your own.*
- Chris will write to families of Year 5/6 future students in order to advise now before they consider buying. Parents & Friends suggested Chris show us the letter first, as parents, we could provide feedback.
- In 2018, the school will be moving to a new programme/application for parents called Care Monkey – this allows electronic information relayed to parents quicker/easier. Items such as permission slips or editing /changing of information (phone numbers/emails address etc.)
- They will also introduce the SchoolBox App for parents.
- The College will provide many avenues to demonstrate to parents how to use the two applications;

Suggestions from the group were:

- Teaching session before and after school, around carpark areas for parents doing drop off/pick-up
- Web instructions on portal
- Booth set up after school
- Students/staff teaching after school
- Year 7 morning tea – have students to show parents

We also need to be mindful of culture and language barriers

- I pads in the office set up for those without Internet. Alternatively, to view a short demonstration.
- Uniform survey, outcome result show in favour of options for Female trousers. The committee will now research design, colour and costings
- Chris asked the committee if there was any objection to move meetings to Wednesday night from 2018– no objection from those present. *April to check* with President and Secretary as both were absent from meeting.

Business Arising: Nil

Closing Prayer: Chris Black

Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm

Upcoming dates & Guest speakers 2017/2018 :

- Wednesday 18th October, Year 7, 2019 Information Evening, West Campus
- Tuesday 31st October, Year 7, 2019 Information Evening, East Campus
- Tuesday 14th November, East Campus Administration Centre, Miss Marissa Joyce, Assistant RE Co-ordinator, Social Justice "The Way of the Lord"
- Wednesday 29th November, College Presentation Night
- Tuesday 5th December, Year 7, 2018 Orientation Day Parent Morning Tea West Campus
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- Wednesday 31st January, 2018 Year 7 First Day Parents Morning Tea West Campus
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