

**Shalom College**  
**Parents and Friends Association**

**General Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

**Attendance:** As per attendance book

**Apologies:** Mark Fagg

**Previous Minutes:** The minutes of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were read.  
Traci Thornton moved that the minutes be adopted.  
Seconded by John Elphinstone

**Business Arising:** Recent parent information evening with Mr Adair Donaldson was very successful with over 100 people attending and a positive response from parents. Resource kit has been purchased which includes a teaching manual and a series of DVDs.  
At parents' request Mrs Elizabeth Austin Campbell attended the meeting and talked about her passion for the vertical pastoral care system and her focus on building positive relationships with children to better deal with discipline issues, also informing parents of her open door policy for any matters that may arise.

**Correspondence:**

**In:** Qld Responsible Gambling Industry Training Kit & Guide  
High School Driver Safety Programme  
P&F Federation Guide to Political Action 2010  
Race Day Cheque \$2500.00  
NIB  
Action Against Bullying Parent Evening  
Diocesan P&F Council Community Spirit Awards  
Diocesan Council and Cluster Meeting 7 August Emerald  
School fees and Levies 2011

**Out:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** Geoff Ebert tabled the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement for June10 (appended to the minutes) and moved they be adopted. Seconded by Michelle Baumgartner. It was noted that figures were down overall due to bad weather earlier in the year but the past couple of months figures showed a positive return.

**Board Report:** At the recent Board meeting there were discussions around the Government proposal to promise laptops to every student and how this will work at Shalom. Master planning was also discussed regarding extensions with exciting things happening and the Board also looked at restorative justice in schools in dealing with behaviour issues.

**Diocesan Report:** No report was available

**Principal's Report:** Mr McMahon reported that the Science Centre was completed last Friday and parents were encouraged to come and have a look. The official opening will take place on the last day of term, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September and all are welcome.

Master planning is underway looking at lots of ideas for the future including creating more space in the crowded Staff and Administration area and more classroom space. There were a number of issues and expenses to plan for as the population of the school grows in the coming years. There are ongoing discussions relating to the proposal to build a rowing facility at Sandy Hook and the need to seek approval from the Diocese. There are some current staffing changes mainly due to long service leave. Recent Confraternity and Music trips were very successful and school is proud of the students who participated in these events.

**Agenda Items:**

*Proposed Uniform Changes* – Looking at adaptation to girls blouse to a fitted, more flattering modern cut with action back, due to difficulties with current band. Two options were offered one with a heavier fabric which was not see through. Also looking at replacing tie with a shorter version.

Possible change to Boys shirt would include a red lining to the inside of the collar as a smart feature when the shirt is worn without a tie. The issue was raised of the need for students to wear ties in our climate. Some issues raised by parents included the value of the tie particularly to the seniors. Concern was also raised over how the blouse would look with the current pleated skirt and comment was made on continuing the colour white. Retaining the current pocket and neckline was desirable

Options discussed would be looked at further with manufacturer.

*Hospitality Department Discussion* – Discussions on the supply of hospitality ingredients not being included in the new all inclusive levy and whether they should be supplied by the school. Parents present were happy with students providing their own ingredients and the sourcing and measuring of ingredients was seen as part of the process. Parents didn't see this as an issue as the food produced was then taken home and students also had the opportunity to compromise on ingredients in some instances. There would also be an issue of storing the ingredients at school. Parents felt the expense to be nominal and didn't see this as an issue.

*2011 School Fee Calculation* – Diocese is reviewing fees and levies and has asked for feedback from parents. Parents present agreed that the proposed increases were reasonable given the current fees were not excessive in comparison to similar schools and the costs of education and resources were increasing. Proposal is for 7.2% increase in fees and increases in the Technology Levy to \$80 per child/\$160 per family and Building Fund Levy to \$400 per family.

*Car Draw Sub-committee* – It was proposed that the BBQ be replaced by a wine and cheese night from 6-7pm followed by the car draw at 7pm. This was proposed due to the amount of work required to run the BBQ and the fact that it lost money last year. There would still be opportunity to have a raffle at the door and the event could possibly be held in the Performing Arts Foyer. There was no opposition to the change. A Toyota Yaris has been chosen and 600 tickets would go on sale at \$50 each. Committee would look at the possibility of catering department supplying finger food.

*Markets Sub-committee* – Some rostering issues have arisen with difficulty getting parents to return messages on availability. Look at putting roster in newsletter the week earlier. It was agreed at the sub-committee meeting to purchase second hand coffee machine at a cost of \$6500.00, which includes 1000 free cups of product and 1 year warranty. Some concerns were raised on the loss of limited bench space in the Tuckshop and the impact on the service of food through the week. Also the issue of whether it was needed and the concern of recent decrease in profits were raised. It was noted by the sub-committee that there was an overriding need in both providing convenience to the consumer and to ease congestion and make the conditions easier for volunteers. It was also noted that the lease on the current machine was to be paid out as a more viable option than the lease payments. It was moved that the coffee machine be purchased and the majority were in favour.

**Next Meeting:**                    **Tuesday 17th August**

**Meeting Closed:**            8.40pm