

Shalom College
Parents and Friends Association

General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday 8th February 2011

- Attendance:** As per attendance book
- Apologies:** Michelle Wilde, Michael Ryan, Dorothy Scott
- Previous Minutes:** The minutes of meeting 3rd November 2010 were read.
Michelle Baumgartner moved that the minutes be adopted.
Seconded by John Elphinstone
- Business Arising:** Yr 8 welcoming function – General Business
- Correspondence:**
- In:** Thank you from Mrs Helen Stanley
Diocesan Council of P&F Assoc bi-ennial conference and
Diocesan P&F AGM – 1-3 April at “The Haven” Emu Park
- Out:** Nil
- Treasurer’s Report:** Geoff Ebert tabled the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement for December 2010 and January 2011 (appended to the minutes) and moved they be adopted. Seconded by Traci Thornton
- Board Report:** Farewell dinner was held for Mrs Helen Stanley
- Principal’s Report:** Mr Dan McMahon reported –
- Welcomed 300 new students and 15 new staff
 - Adapting to new Vertical Pastoral Care system with positive feedback and distinct advantages
 - Welcomed back past students to address Yr 11 & 12 with valuable information on university and apprenticeship experiences
 - Discussed data summary and OP distributions for 2010 academic results
 - Yr 12 students participated in Induction Ceremony and are responding well to leadership opportunities
 - Request for P&F funding for Sports Centre fans and Edmund Rice Camp
 - Possibility of offering school bag on wheels as option from same manufacturer and will look at addition of backpack straps
 - New boys shirt with red collar lining is being phased in with Yr 8’s and will look at the possibility of phasing out tie for Yr 8-11 as the new shirt becomes more prevalent
 - Introducing Restorative Practice in dealing with young people in keeping with the philosophy of Catholic education and promoting positive relationships with teachers and students

- Question of timing of Senior's Ceremony was raised and will be taken into consideration

Agenda Items:

Restorative Practices

Mrs Elizabeth-Austin Campbell addressed the meeting on the implementation of Restorative Practices

- New Vertical Pastoral Care system ensures students stay in PC group for duration at Shalom and therefore build a strong relationship with their PC teacher and information regarding them stays with that teacher
- Buddy system works well now as students are in the same PC group

Restorative Practices

- Building, maintaining and strengthening healthy relationships
- Importance of quality relationship between student and teacher
- Explores feelings and students are valued, respected and heard
- Understanding the consequences of actions on others and developing long term solutions
- The impact of hearing of the harm to others changes behaviour
- Harm needs to be acknowledged and repaired-making amends is important
- Genuine accountability
- Class conferencing (no blame no shame) enables students and teachers to be heard in a constructive way

Parish Ministry Expo

- Expo to be held over 2 weekends in the Parish and some parents expressed an interest in representing Shalom P&F to welcome new parents

March AGM

- Tuesday 1st March – all positions to be declared vacant

Rowing Report

- QLD titles held last year, there were a few placings and students did well. Rain and flooding have created some problems and training is not underway as yet. 105 students signed up

General Business:

Fans for Sports Centre - Request for P&F to fund the cost of 4 industrial fans to cool the Sports Centre approx cost \$65,000. Moved by Janice Harvey. Seconded by John Elphinstone. ALL IN FAVOUR

Edmund Rice Camp - Drew Speight moved that the P&F continue to donate \$5000 annually to help fund the running of Edmund Rice Camps. Seconded by Toni Sergiacomi. ALL IN FAVOUR

Yr 8 parents night 24th February 5pm to 6.30pm - nibbles and drinks social night, catering similar to Car Draw - cater for 250

Next Meeting:

AGM Tuesday 1st March 2011

Meeting Closed:

8.20pm