

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

**General Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

- Attendance:** As per attendance book
- Apologies:** Dan McMahon, Heather Ford, June Hylard, Michelle Baumgartner
- Previous Minutes:** The minutes of meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were read.  
Toni Sergiacomi moved that the minutes be adopted.  
Seconded by Traci Thornton
- Business Arising:** P&F Diocesan Host Day has been held and discussions centred around the QLD Government's Flying Start paper.  
Electronic Sign installation has been held up a little but will be up and running in the next week.
- Correspondence**  
**In:** Notification of Flying Start forums  
NIB
- Out:** Nil
- Treasurer's Report:** Geoff Ebert tabled the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement for March 10(appended to the minutes) and moved they be adopted. Seconded by John Elphinstone
- Board Report:** No report was available
- Diocesan Report:** No report was available
- Principal's Report:** Mrs Angela Myles in Mr McMahon's absence expressed her thanks on behalf of the school for the donation of funds for the electronic sign and sound system in sports centre. Toilet renovation has been completed. Science lab is progressing well and despite recent media hype regarding school projects we were assured that there were no concerns at Shalom and that the school has had a lot of control over what is being achieved.  
Flying Start Green Paper – discussion paper has been released by QLD Government to obtain feedback on certain changes proposed in QLD education. The paper looks at the last 5 years and then at where the future is heading for QLD schools.  
The paper has a 3 part approach –  
Getting ready for School – This section looks at improving reading and therefore improving testing results in language and cognitive skills through a partnership with volunteers in a school reading

programme. It also looks at a quality kindergarten programme for all QLD schools.

Transition from Primary to Secondary School – This area focuses on readiness for Secondary School through the proposal that by 2014 Year 7 will move to Secondary School. This raises many questions for parents and teachers around logistics and funding with also some concerns, particularly in rural areas. The objective of this change being to provide age appropriate learning environments and so that students can benefit from a national curriculum.

Boosting performance in schools – This will look at changing the way we train teachers by establishing teaching centres of excellence. The Paper also looks at introducing a governing authority to oversee all schools which will have the greatest impact on Catholic Schools potentially affecting our independence.

Forums will be held on Tuesday 20 April 6.30pm – 8.30pm and Wednesday 21 April 10am – 12noon at St Luke’s Anglican School. All parents and interested community members are strongly encouraged to attend this forum or visit the website [www.deta.qld.gov.au/aflyingstart](http://www.deta.qld.gov.au/aflyingstart) to download the paper.

**Agenda Items:**

*CAR DRAW SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT* – letters have been sent out to dealers and a decision will be made soon on the choice of car. There is a need to look at delegating roles to volunteers to oversee and co-ordinate the ordering and preparation of food and the clean up at the end of the night.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Meeting Closed:** 8.20pm