

Shalom College
Parents and Friends Association

General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday 11th August 2009

- Attendance:** As per attendance book
- Apologies:** Rob Sergiacomi
- Previous Minutes:** The minutes of meeting 14th July were read.
John Elphinstone moved that the minutes be adopted.
Seconded by Toni Sergiacomi
- Business Arising:** \$1.5 million Science and Language funding would go toward the establishment of a new 6 room Science lab. It would also fund the refurbishment of existing lab, converting some rooms to computer rooms and covering the entrance thus creating a Science precinct.
Shalom 25th Anniversary Celebration - a successful day with first school captains and representatives from that year present and a slide presentation of the history of Shalom
- Correspondence**
- In:** News in Brief
Notice of Southern Cluster teleconference – Mon 3rd August
IEUA-QNT brochure re their views on education policy
Meeting for Diocesan P&F in Springsure – Sat 8th August
Gus Guzenda – Athletes Foot
Jan Beckmann – resignation of cluster representative position
Q150 Community Funding Acquittal Report Form
Community Cabinet public forum – Sunday 30th August
RACQ Free 2 Go Programme
- Out:** Nil
- Business Arising:** Letter from Athletes Foot – scheme offering a rebate of \$5.00 to the P&F for any Shalom students purchasing footwear at the store. It was agreed that this information be posted on the web page.
- Treasurer's Report:** Geoff Ebert tabled the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement for July (appended to the minutes) and moved they be adopted.
Seconded by Jo Wilson
- Board Report:** No report was available

Diocesan Report: No report was available

Principal's Report: Mr Dan McMahon reported on the following:

Students and Staff returning from the Solomon Islands trip had put in a huge effort and made our school very proud of their contribution to the community there.

Showcase has taken place again and was a fantastic presentation by all involved.

Vertical Pastoral Care structure would go ahead with the addition of 4 more houses. Names and colours for these houses are yet to be decided but would be of significance to our school community.

The question of fruit being eaten at PC time has been raised and would be looked into further.

School Social is to be held on Friday 21st August from 6.00pm to 9.00pm and some parental supervision may be required.

Year 12 retreat has taken place and was a highlight of the year.

Year 10 subject selections are taking place and also looking at Year 11 and 12 timetable with possible expansion of offerings.

School Chaplain Mrs Carolyn Boylan has taken leave for health reasons.

Request made to P&F for funding to upgrade the audio visual system in the sports centre. The upgrade would include a 2nd data projector, new screens and curtains to improve the light issue and would incorporate better wiring for setting up of functions. Further details would be presented as quotes are available and it is anticipated being completed by the end of the year.

Agenda Items:

- *Car Draw Sub-committee* – Heather Ford reported that a flyer had gone home to families and that 600 tickets were now available for sale at a cost of \$50 each.
- *Market Sub-committee* – Geoff Ebert reported on the following:
 - Undercover area in need of cleaning and David and Robyn Neil have generously offered their time to clean the area over 2 days in the second week of the September holidays. A pressure cleaner could be hired for \$143 per day and it was proposed to hire it for 2 days. ALL IN FAVOUR
 - Income from the market tuckshop is up and some minor adjustments have been made to the price list.
 - Still looking into an ATM machine however there are some security issues
 - New signage arranged - No Smoking and No Dogs
 - Sharing the cost of car park upgrade with the convenor is to be discussed
 - Still looking at second coffee machine

General Business:

Solomon Islands Trip – Mr Chris Roelofs along with students and staff involved with the recent trip to Munda gave a presentation on the wonderful contribution they made to the refurbishment and upgrade of the local hospital. Initial work on the maternity ward was completed along with additional work on the children's ward and patient cooking area. The team were able to create a more hygienic environment to aid

in healthier birthing by repainting, repairing plumbing and bathing facilities, installing cabinets and general maintenance work around the hospital. Students presented the hospital with the Shalom banner and a group photo with all their names which hangs in the birthing suite. Many experiences and memories were shared during the presentation – meeting the locals and touring the hospital and school, canoeing, snorkelling and diving, sharing in local meals and customs, playing soccer with the locals, touring the war memorial and fishing with the young children. The students shared in the faith and family life of the locals, experiencing a different way of living and developed a new appreciation of the life they have through a wonderful sense of community. The locals were given baby packs and other equipment and students also donated their share of money raised through the BBQ's to leave paint supplies so the work could continue on after their stay. A DVD was presented to many Rotary clubs who were impressed with the students' teamwork and community mindedness and it is anticipated that a similar trip would take place again in 2 years time.

It was agreed by all members present that letters of acknowledgement and appreciation be sent to all those involved for the huge contribution they made and their wonderful representation of our school community.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 8th September 2009 at 7.00pm**

Meeting Closed: 8.20 pm