

Shalom College

Parents and Friends Association

General Meeting Minutes 10th March 2009

Business Arising: Diocesan Assembly request for contact -Jan Beckmann
Diocesan Rep details to be forwarded.

Treasurer's Report: Janice Harvey tabled the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement for February (appended to the minutes) suggesting that some money be transferred to the investment account and moved this be adopted.
Seconded by Michelle Wilde

Principal's Report: Dan McMahon reported the following.

- His goal is to facilitate communication between parents/students/staff and be accessible to the school community.
- A suggestion box has been implemented and available at the tuckshop.
- Master planning to take place to determining growth and facilities for Shalom.
- School swimming carnival was a great success for those who attended however indicating the low number of students supporting the event.
- Learning Support – look at further resources where needed.
- Tuckshop – student leaders were conducting a survey to gain feedback from students.
- "Education Revolution" – some government funding available for language and science centres. School would submit existing Science Lab plans. Also funds would be available for maintenance and refurbishment.

Board Report: Michelle Wilde presented a report from the Board

- Mr McMahon also raised the issue of the size of the school and the pastoral care role of year co-ordinators. He also indicated that he would be writing a letter to investigate the possibility of receiving a grant for science labs/upgrades

- It was confirmed that the board will now meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Diocesan Report: No report was available

General Business:

- Confraternity – Rob Alexander spoke about Confraternity which will take place in the June holidays. The event having the potential to bring around 1500 visitors to Bundaberg would require a large group of helpers and Rob asked that we consider volunteering some time in a variety of areas.
- Function Planning – Drew Spoke about the following sub-committees and asked parents to indicate their interest:
 - Market Sub-committee – John Elphinstone was asked to join this committee with other interested parents to oversee and liaise with market co-ordinator.
 - Car Draw Sub-committee – Heather Ford gave a general outline of past committee's planning. Spoke about selling the tickets this year at original price of \$50 instead of \$65 making it more of a social event rather than a fundraiser to coincide with 25th anniversary celebrations.
 - Education Sub-committee - Drew Speight proposed the formulation of an Education Sub-committee and moved that this be accepted. Seconded by John Elphinstone. Preparations underway to present an Education evening open to all Catholic Schools on either 9th June or 14th, 21st July. Guest speaker Brett Lee, former policeman specialising in internet issues for young people. Date to be confirmed.
 - Look at planning social event for students possibly in the sports centre in conjunction with Shalom Day. Possible student committee with parents offering assistance where needed. Look at paid security if necessary. Future discussions re end of year function. Heather Ford requested perhaps changing the birthday celebration cake to a mud cake or something similar to replace the sponge.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th May 2009

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm