



MAZENOD COLLEGE

Parents & Friends - Minutes 12 March 2019

Meeting Opened: 07:03 pm

Present: Andrew Watson, Fiona Walker, Sue DuPont, Susi Purcell, Kelli Peters, Jeff Ronan, Rob Pugh, Mikala Atkinson, Ralph Bradstreet and Ann Bond

Apologies: Tony Checker

Opening Prayer: 'Prayer for Teachers' read by Ralph

Minutes of previous meeting

- Minutes of Tuesday 12 February 2019:
 - Moved: Rob Pugh
 - Seconded: Susi Purcell

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Nil

Principal's report:

- Lots has been happening since the last meeting.
- Open Mass which occurred the morning after the last meeting. Thank you to Mazza Mums for morning tea. Next year we need to look at ways to increase parent attendance.
- Parent Information Evenings have been well attended. We have the final one tomorrow night with Year 12 Parents.
- Parent Sundowner – again well attended and great night. Not as many Year 7 parents but the Leadership Team believes this may be due to amount of events Year 7's and their parents have already attended in the first five weeks. Leadership Team will discuss this further with a view to increase more parents to attend.
- Year 7 Camp was again successful. Both teachers and students have provided positive feedback and reviews for the camp.
- Father's and Friends breakfast, held after Year 7 camp, had a great turnout. Many of the boarding parents were present as breakfast was held on Friday before long weekend.
- The Opening Ceremonies for the Year 9 Rite Journey have all been completed.
- Interhouse swimming carnival has been held, with Albini winning. Tomorrow morning Albini house will hold their Wednesday morning mass – all boys in their faction will attend school in their sports uniform and a faction BBQ will be held during lunch time and there will be team building exercises for the house boys.
- During the year each other faction house will host a Wednesday morning mass with house BBQ during the day
- Mary's Mount Primary School has held their swimming carnival at our Pool. This proved very successful and students, teachers and attending parents all enjoyed the day.
- We held the Boarding Parents Forum before the long weekend. This is a great way of exchanging ideas between the parents and staff.
- Last weekend we attended the Wagin Woolarama (on Friday and Saturday). Staff were present during this time. In a couple of weeks, we will be returning to area in 'Kukerin', along with staff from St Brigid's. Here we will attend a community BBQ and invite parents to join us and learn more about the boarding houses.
- The Chess Competition is currently under way during lunchtime.
- Last week we held the Tennis Competition

- We are also offering Catholic School's version of ViSN. We are providing some courses which cannot be offered in Years 11 and 12, i.e. History. Whilst we are using the service this year, next year we hope to contribute to the usage by providing teacher/s for courses being taught.

(ViSN (Virtual School Network) is a network of CEWA schools that work together to develop and deliver online courses. Commencing in 2018).

President's report: (Tony Checker, Vice President)-report read by Ann for Tony

Only a month since the last meeting, but we have been busy.

The Welcome BBQ was a good event. Numbers were down from previous years, but those attending had a good time. Again, Craig from Farmtastic provided a magnificent slide, with some families deciding to picnic on the oval. My thanks to everyone for helping set up, cook, cater, and clean. Thank you to Rachael for triggering an early pack up with the time-honoured stacking of the first chair.

I attended the PFFWA's Induction Evening and Special General Meeting. From the meeting:

- The Association will be very active this year during the Federal election, lobbying for increased funding for Catholic schools. They will be hosting events to meet candidates and hear their policies.
- The Association advocated transitioning from fundraising to community building through events and activities to engage more parents.
- Every school has about the same number of active parents in their parents and friends' groups, varying between 15 and 25. Even the bigger Colleges (K-12) have small groups. However, at Mazenod we need to remember the board parent base supporting the school. So, while there are not many of us at these meetings, there are many of us helping in different ways.

Unfortunately, I could not be here tonight, and wish you another quick meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Bank Balance brought forward as at 12 February 2019	\$ 83,425.24
<u>Plus</u>	
Deposits \$0.00	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>Less</u>	
Expenses \$972.37 (Welcome BBQ:Food \$513.47 & 108.90, Slide \$350.00)	\$ 927.37
Cheques not yet presented (2018 Raffle Prize \$300 & Etched glass design \$68*)	\$ 368.00
Provisions for Budgeted Items	<u>\$ 68,300.00</u>
	\$ 69,595.37
 Cash Book Balance as at 12 March 2019	 <u>\$ 13,784.87</u>
Bank account balance as at 12 March 2019	<u>\$ 82,452.87</u>
 Cheques to be written as this meeting for:	
Completion of Cricket nets	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>

NOTES:

General P&F ledger balance	\$ 0.00
Provision for budgeted items 2017	
Items listed below:	\$ 3,000.00
\$ 3,000 - boarding house gardens	assist with purchasing raised garden beds, etc

Provision for budgeted items 2018

Items listed below:

\$65,300.00

\$1,000	Digital Technology – Lego Robotics purchase & registration fee
\$1,000	Education support – purchase 3 x C Pens
\$1,300	Library – Maker/Craft Supplies for Friday workshops
\$4,000	PE/Outdoor Ed – assist with trailer purchase to transport bicycles (quotes still being obtained)
\$15,000	Completion of cricket nets <i>***completed & cheque to be written***</i>
\$8,000	Barrier netting behind soccer goals on lower oval
\$35,000	Towards bus (\$25,000 carried over 2017 + \$10,000 from 2018)

Account balance less Budgeted Items less not yet presented cheques

\$82,452.87 less \$68,300.00 less \$368.00 TOTAL: \$13,784.87

*Etched Glass confirmed receiving cheque & will cash shortly

From Andrew – bus decision has almost been finalised. Still to decide on whether we go with 28-seater or 30 plus seater. I hope to have final decision by the time the next meeting is held.

Mazza Mums – Kelli & Ann

- We provided the morning tea after the Opening School Mass. Some new year 7 Mums helped which was great and we had plenty of food to offer parents and teachers attending the Mass.
- Our big event this term is the afternoon tea at the Open Day on Thursday 11 April from 3pm. We will begin placing notices in the newsletter this week, specifically seeking assistance from Year 9 and 10 parents, but we welcome all helpers.

Correspondence in:

- PFFWA – 2019 Affiliation Fee (834 students @ \$3.50 +GST) \$3,230.90 Invoice
- Email from Norah Flanders re: “phone-in” request for meetings (as per 2018)

Correspondence out:

- Email to Norah from Tony – advising he will speak with IT department and have ‘dial-in’ function ready for first meeting in Term 2

General business

- **Welcome BBQ Saturday 23 February 2019 feedback**

Tony provided the following feedback:

While we had approximately 140 responses to the BBQ, turnout was lower. However, we did move more food.

This year, the parents were split between the covered area and the oval, I think with the majority on the oval. All had a good time, with few complaints or issues (other than the vagueness about bringing alcohol).

We could consider making this event a whole of college event, working with FOPA and the Performing Arts, and Farmtastic to create a larger function.

- slide and bouncing castle (Craig also offered petting zoo, Ninja challenges)
- Coffee van
- Performances from the school bands and old boy ensemble

If we spend a bit more, promote harder towards the end of the year, we could start 2020 with a larger whole of college event. This will help build the networks and community for subsequent events throughout the year. Something for us to consider.

Possibility of moving event totally to the smaller oval, with BBQ being placed down on the old basketball club behind music room.

A general discussion then took place regarding the Welcome BBQ. Ralph mentioned the cost of lighting would have to be a consideration if this occurred as oval would need lighting for the event.

Andrew advised Leadership Team has spoken briefly about the Welcome BBQ and wondered if style of this event had run its course. Maybe P&F could instead look to take over holding the Parent Sundowner (as boys have other events during the year, like MMD day). Andrew also mentioned leadership team is looking at whether having a couple of parents being "parent liaison" for each year group may increase parent participation for College events.

Rob advised he had attended both events and enjoyed both but felt the Sundowner was a great event as it meant the Parents are able to meet the teachers in an informal setting. Everyone is relaxed and can enjoy themselves in an adult environment.

- **Funding requests – from Andrew**

Andrew advised of the following funding requests the school would like the P&F to be aware of:

- High Priority: Water fountain near Gym is in urgent need of replacing. Cost \$6,800
- Bike Racks: Currently between 17-25 students riding to school each day. Have sourced cost for new racks to be purchased and fitted, cost \$9,000
- Farm Yard Project – a further \$1,000 to assist with this endeavour
- Beau Hemley – court table tennis for senior block (ensure boys are moving during recess and lunchtime, provide opportunity for boys to engage in talking about various topics in a relaxing atmosphere, cost \$5,000
- Student Leadership Portfolio: \$1,000 to continue planting native plants for sustainable garden beds. Year 11 and 12 leaders and boys in other years who wish to be involved
- Ralph – Aquaponics (to be discussed further by College Leadership Team and Ralph)
- Boarding House – revisit assisting with replacing carpet in the entry ramps to the Boarding House, costing to be confirmed
- Combining with St Brigid's to provide funding for guest speakers for both families of Mazenod boys and St Brigid's girls to attend, e.g. Maggie Dent, costing to be confirmed
- Pool Cleaner Upgrade – the volume of people utilising the pool (swimming squad, swimming training, PE, Outdoor Ed, other schools i.e. Mary's Mount), cost \$6,500

Susi advised she had attended meeting with Andrew and Eric and P&F Levy will be transferred to P&F Ledger by end of Term 1, approximately \$71,900. (Currently have 719 families)

Discussion was held regarding the funding list:

Ralph advised the new water cooler would be a great advantage especially as Mazenod is hosting the Solar Car Challenge on 2 April this year. 38 school's will be attending this event. Mazenod won the challenge two years ago. The event will be run on the school tennis courts and school is expecting large numbers of Years 7 and 8 to attend during recess to watch event. Participants will all be receiving a water bottle, so it would be nice to be able to offer them somewhere to fill their bottles. Whilst event is only three and half weeks away, if funding granted, Ralph who is College OSH Representative, can have fountain replaced/installed before the event.

Further discussion took place regarding the new fountain also have a filling spout as one of the outlets, so water bottles could be easily filled. Boys utilising gym for team sport training, i.e. basketball club, would greatly benefit from having a filling spout.

Proposal: To provide \$6,800 towards replacing/installing new water fountain at gym block. Proposal was unanimously agreed to.

- **Vacant President position**

Ann advised President's position is still vacant. Need to find someone willing to step into position. If anyone knows of someone or would like to nominate, we would love to hear from them.

Ann further advised this will be both Tony's and her last year holding Executive Positions as their boys will be in year 12 next year. Ann will continue with Mazza Mum's until the Year 12 Final Assembly in 2020.

- **Other general business**

Sue raised the question regarding the school and sun protection. Sue advised she wished all Year 7 students were required to purchase the bucket hat as this would be sun smart and prevent skin cancer. All primary schools have the no hat/no play policy and could this not be continued in high school.

Fiona and Mikala said they had both been advised by the uniform ladies not to purchase the bucket hat as their sons would be made fun of.

Sue also advised she had noticed the Oblate School Team and Graeme Wood Shield team did not wear a broad brim hat and wondered if this could be changed. Did the P&F need to help with this?

Ralph advised school has policy for excursion in which all students must have wide brim hats which cover the students neck as well. Ralph advised he would be raising this matter at the next OSH meeting at the school.

Mikala advised she works for the Cancer Foundation and is aware the Sun Smart Team is bringing a policy to all high schools in the coming year for all students to wear broad brim hats. At recess and lunch the students are exposed to the maximum UV levels.

Jeff said it is was disappointing in their first term all the Year 7's will be wearing their hats, but as the school year progresses the number of students who continue to wear their hats declines rapidly.

Andrew said he and the SLT would examine this issue further.

Upcoming events:

- [Open Day – Mazza Mum afternoon tea, Thursday 11 April 2019 from 3pm](#)
- [Mazenod P&F Meeting Term 2 - Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 7pm](#)

Meeting closed: 8 pm