

MAZENOD COLLEGE
Parents Association Meeting
09 March 2021 Minutes

Meeting Opened: 6.32pm

Opening Prayer: Read by Rob

Apologies: Sue, Belinda

Attending: (In Person) Tony, Jeff, Rob, Natalie, Mikala, Christie, Andrew, Rachel, Chris

(Via Zoom) Rosalie, Kelli, Bruce, Emmet

Minutes of previous meeting: 10 November 2020

Moved by Tony, seconded by Mikala .

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Covid19 Hardship Fund – It was decided that creating such a fund was not in line with the Objects of the Mazenod College Parents Association as written in the Terms of Reference of the Association 2019 (see agenda.)
- Sports club first aid kits being kept up-to-date (Andrew) – not clarified
- Update on all committed items below (Andrew)
 - AFL Nets (10 March 2020) – To order
 - Window Treatments RE Room (30 June 2020) - ??
 - Mental Health Equipment (30 June 2020) - Purchased
 - Bean Bags (Robust) (30 June 2020) - Purchased
 - MacqLit reading intervention system x 3 (30 June 2020) - Purchased
 - Mazenod Heritage Walk – Work in progress
 - Boarder’s mini-farm seating - Purchased
 - Tom Quad Drum – Getting a quote
 - Indigenous Art Mural (10 March 2020) – Work in progress. Still sourcing an artist.

Principal’s report

- Welcome to Rosalie (Boarding parent) and Emmet (on Zoom.)
- Good start to the year, despite the Covid hiccup.
- Key events - Opening Mass, Fathers and Friends Breakfast, Y7 Camp. Had to skimp on Opening Mass, so need to find a time to celebrate the 2020 Y12 achievements.
- Boarders have settled well. A parent network has been set up. The Wagin Woolorama was a good event.

- The SEQTA roll-in is going well. It is a well-used online reporting system in WA and across Australia. Parents will receive interim reports via SEQTA at the end of term. SEQTA also sends out messages to parents regarding assessments. Staff will find it useful for maintaining accuracy around attendance and for recording pastoral notes.
- This year's college value focus is 'Respectful Relationships and Interactions,' especially online and towards women, and also 'Sustainable Living' in which college practices will be examined e.g. in catering and around the rest of the college.
- Looking at extra quality courses for students e.g. gaining Drone licences.

Bruce (Deputy Principal) showed us a 'Reporting' powerpoint and explained how the report format has been re-developed, using last year's attributes.

The key foci are a 'Vision for Learning' and the School Strategic Plan. We discussed the Learning Attributes and the Pastoral Attributes and it was decided to make the organisational skills clearer. More information regarding reporting is available on the college website.

President's report

- Sundowner - 160 will be attending (double the number of attendees in 2020.) There are enough helpers for the setting up, but more helpers are needed to serve food in the evening. Natalie, Mikala and Christie volunteered as extra evening helpers. Andrew asked for ideas to encourage mingling.

Treasurer's report (see spreadsheet)

Net funds (3/11/21) \$91,830.07

Taking into account -\$21,613.97 of approved, but unpaid budget items, the discretionary funds are \$70,216.10

Mazza Mums

Kelli will be sending out emails regarding catering help for Open Day tomorrow.

Correspondence In

- CSPWA invoice and notification of focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing, State Conference in May, establishment of CSPWA subcommittees, parent reference groups during 2021 (see www.csp.wa.edu.au for more information.)
- Cadbury's chocolate box fundraiser
- Design a BRICK fundraiser

Correspondence Out

- CSPWA invoice forwarded to Rob

General business

- Is it fair and equitable to all parents if the levies of 2019, 2020 & 2021 were set too high, so generating surplus funds available for this purpose (Covid has

caused hardship to all families of College students, even if that doesn't show as a direct financial loss or an inability to pay school fees)? Should the levy be lowered instead?

This issue was not discussed.

- Decided not to fund raise with 'Tulips With A Difference' or the stainless steel pegs from Ezy Fundraiser.

- Andrew presented the following purchase requests from staff (more details on handout):-

Mazenod Coffee Cart - \$5000

Large digital display showing UV index in real time - \$4200

Small portable speaker and wireless microphone - \$780

Small PA system for boarding music room - \$769

Handheld wireless microphone - \$539

10 LED wash lights - \$1789

Blinds for rooms in Y7/8 block - to be costed

Games club games - \$500

Art Room - 2 air conditioning units - \$8000

*Future project - Large scale hard-shade and seating for students outside PAC and Gym entry - to be costed

All items were approved by the committee.

- Andrew asked for ideas on presenters for combined Mazenod and St. Bridgid events. Rob suggested a teenage mental health session run by Black Dog Institute.
- Tony mentioned that the cricket pitch needs attention. A quote for replacement/repair has been obtained.
- Tony asked if the photography course run by Chris would develop into perhaps an after-school course. Chris said 20-23 boys are involved at present. There are only a small handful of school cameras. Some boys bring their own cameras. We considered helping buy more cameras in the future.
- Tony mentioned that a light on the gym corner was needed.

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Sundowner Friday 12 March
- **Next meeting: 6.30pm Tuesday 11 May, 2021**
- Meeting and event dates for 2021
31 March - Open Day

11 May

8 June

3 August - AGM

7 September

12 October

9 November

Meeting closed: 8.01pm