

MAZENOD COLLEGE
Parents Association Meeting
11 May 2021 Minutes

Meeting Opened: 6.32 pm

Opening Prayer: Read by Rachel

Apologies: Jeff, Mikala, Rosalie

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

(Via Zoom) Belinda

Minutes of previous meeting: 9 March 2021

Moved by Natalie, seconded by Christie.

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Sports club first aid kits being kept up-to-date – Andrew said that PE teacher Chris had verified that all kits were up-to-date.
- Update on all 2020 committed items below (Andrew)
 - AFL Nets (10 March 2020) – have come in.
 - Window Treatments RE Room (30 June 2020) – installed.
 - Mazenod Heritage Walk – Chris is going to work on how to present the different stations. Costings will be investigated by the next meeting.
 - Tom Quad Drum – purchased, under budget (<\$800). Rob to reconcile with Eric.
 - Indigenous Art Mural (10 March 2020) – Chris has an artist to investigate, Christie suggested investigating the Langford Aboriginal Association, Natalie has an urban artist contact.

Update on 2021 committed items (Andrew)

- Mazenod Coffee Cart - \$5000 – arrives 12 May. Flat white and black coffees will be available at Friday's Faction Athletics Carnival for \$3.50 or \$3.00 in a keep cup. Keep cups not encouraged at the moment as they have to be properly sterilised before use.
- Large digital display showing UV index in real time - \$4200 – In progress.
- Small portable speaker and wireless microphone - \$780 – In progress
- Small PA system for boarding music room - \$769 – In progress.
- Handheld wireless microphone - \$539 – In progress.
- 10 LED wash lights - \$1789 – In progress.
- Blinds for rooms in Y7/8 block – Costed.
- Games club games - \$500 – In progress.
- Art Room – 2 air conditioning units - \$8000 – In progress.

***Future projects**

- extension of patio outside gym \$100,000 approx.
 - Large scale hard-shade and seating for students outside PAC and Gym entry – \$150,000 approx.

- Mazenod and St Brigid events - Teenage mental health session run by Black Dog Institute? (Andrew) – to be pursued.
- Cricket pitch replacement/repair progress (Andrew) – Eric is working on this.
- Photography course cameras purchase – Chris proposed the purchase of 2 Nikon Z5 entry level, full frame, mirrorless camera with a 24-200mm f/4-6.3 lens. Camera cost is $2 \times \$2417.68 = \4835.36 . This proposal (see handout) was approved. The camera course is to be run again in term 3.
- Light on the gym corner progress (Andrew) – fixed (bulb replacement.)

Principal's report

- Good start to the term. Some mask fatigue, boys have needed reminders.
- Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea were managed in a COVID-safe manner.
- Melinda Tankard Reist 'Respectful Relationships' presentation - good turnout. The boys were engaged in their sessions. Andrew asked if the Parent's Association wanted to support these talks on an ongoing basis. The pastoral leadership team is also approaching this topic in the Y10 program with a 'Mother and Sons' supper on the Tuesday before the long weekend. Etiquette lessons are going to be taught to the Y10s and Y12s in preparation for this supper and the Y12 ball. Carmen Cox (St Brigid's Principal) is arranging focused short talks on what respect looks like from the girl's point of view.
- The Strategic Plan will be worked on in the next semester with a focus on how to engage the whole of the school community.
- Mazenod leadership team have completed professional learning on how to create a climate survey for parents, group leaders, staff and old boys.
- The Shopfront's 2-week Winter Appeal 2021 has begun. Mazenod contributions are combined with St. Brigids'. Last year 3 tonnes of non-perishable foods were collected. This year 3-4 tonnes is the target as the shelves are bare in The Shopfront, Bentley.
- During National Boarding Week the students carried out the Cyclone Seroja Fund-raiser. They are also taking photos of their homes which will be displayed in the boarding house to make boarders feel more at home.

There was a request for a tour of the college boarding house which Andrew agreed to do at 6.00pm before the next Parent's Association meeting.

President's report

- The Melinda Tankard Reist talk was good and very engaging. The feedback Rob received was that there should be more talks like this. Christie suggested that there should not be as much promotional time at the end of the talk. More suggestions are needed regarding topics for talks e.g. Domestic Violence.
- Mazenod has set us up well with access to 'Family Zone' on our computer, so we should try and use it.
- Respectful relationships boy to boy as well as boy to girl should be our aim. Andrew mentioned that the college is probably working against some home backgrounds/different family tolerances.

- Sundowner – good turnout. 230 sent RSVPs, but less attended. It was suggested that gluten-free food options should be added to the sundowner checklist.

Treasurer's report (see handout)

- \$86 in, no payments out. Need to contact Eric so that the Parent's Association can reimburse the college for purchased approved items.
- One outstanding item to be paid – CSPWA fees. Need to see Eric.
- Net funds are \$91,916.07. Discretionary Funds \$48,725.10.
- Parent's Association fees for 2021 have not yet been received from the college.
- Estimated cost for extension of patio outside gym is \$100,000.

Estimated cost for hard shade between PAC building and gym entry is at least \$150,000.

It was asked if the Parent's Association could help fund half of this cost.

- Melinda's presentations cost the college \$5000. Rob agreed for the PA to contribute some of this cost and to pay for the next presentation on wellbeing.

* Christie asked if there was a possibility of having lunchtime Mindfulness sessions for the boys. Andrew said he would chat with Michael Anderson.

Mazza Mums

- The Open Day was successful food-wise.
- No events until term 4.
- There are expenses to be handed to Rob.
- Kelli has found volunteers Belinda and Fiona to take over from her next year.

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 (No fundraising whilst PA levy is part of school fees.)
- Design a BRICK fundraiser (No fundraising whilst PA levy is part of school fees.)
- Email from Michelle (Mazenod Accounts) to Rob regarding the need for reimbursement from the PA bank account of \$176 (correction) to Mazenod after this amount was accidentally paid by a parent into the wrong account. Rob to make transfer.
- Bank statement (Jan-Mar) received.
- Advertising – thebarkbequest.com – academic tutorials – some free downloads. No interest from committee.

Correspondence Out

- CSPWA invoice forwarded to Rob.
- Email from Rob and email from Rachel authorising the \$176 (correction) reimbursement from the PA account to Mazenod.

- Bank statement (Jan-Mar) 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 was discussed by the committee and the following conclusions were made:-

- The lump sum had amounted due to COVID holding up last year's spending.
- We should aim to spend money collected within that year/the following 18 months.
- The PA levy should be reassessed every year as per the constitution.
- The new committee after the AGM should approve the 2022 levy.
- Rob mentioned that we should state the items purchased and agreed upon by the PA in the college newsletter and in the Mazenodian.
- The new parent portal SEQTA Engage does not appear to contain the previous year's reports. Morning notices have now been put on SEQTA. Christie and Rob are going to give their feedback on SEQTA Engage to Deputy Principal Bruce.
- A request was also made for a tour of the D&T building.

Upcoming Events:

- **Next meeting: 6.30pm Tuesday 8 June, 2021** (6pm tour of Boarding House)
- Meeting and event dates for 2021
 - 3 August - AGM
 - 7 September
 - 12 October
 - 9 November

Meeting closed: 8.10pm