

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING (Held via Google Meet)

TUESDAY 5th May 2020

1. OPENING

Meeting declared open at: 7:35 pm

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Michael McKenzie & Bronagh Bonner (St Pats staffroom), Narelle Kerr, Brian Wain, Kelly Wain, Peter MacDonald, Tanya Lafferty (all via Google Meet)

Apologies: Cheryle Conheady

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Robyn Johnstone Seconded: Peter MacDonald

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MARCH MEETING

- **ACTION: NARELLE to remind Bec/Deb to put a P&F Meeting reminder on Simon everywhere.**

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Not Presented

- A few fundraisers conducted in Term 1. Approx. \$360 raised from hot cross bun fundraiser, \$1,600 from Easter Egg raffle and \$5K (or thereabouts) from phonebooks fundraiser.

6. BOARD REPORT – presented by Peter MacDonald

- DOBCEL – Mick has attended many briefings re: this during last couple of weeks. Reality is we have to go somewhere. They won't run school as such, just govern.
- Principal Review for Michael McKenzie – In progress. Surveys have been sent out and returned. Interviews have been conducted and we're nearing the end of the process.
- School Review – Postponed.
- ICAN Program – Postponed until Term 3.
- Aladdin – Postponed to later in 2020.
- Chromebooks/computers for 5/6 children still haven't arrived. Stuck in China. Hopeful they'll arrive soon.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – presented by Michael McKenzie

- It's been a big 4 weeks, particularly for staff adapting to remote teaching.
- Averaging between 20-30 students @ school for supervision for the children of our 'essential workers'.
- Reporting for Semester 1. Unsure what we're doing with this issue going forward. Soon as we know, we'll let parents and families know.

- Sending out parent surveys weekly. Getting some great feedback and we're tweaking as we go. Thanks for your support during these unprecedented times.
- Recharge Day for staff and students TOMORROW WEDS May 7. An opportunity for everyone to put down their screens and have a break. Certainly some staff & families who are feeling the pressure of remote teaching/learning who will embrace a day off to recharge. Thanks again for your ongoing support.
- Swimming Sports conducted and went well.
- Managed to conduct 3 fundraisers in Term 1. Easter Egg Raffle, which was down a little given current circumstances, but still raised around \$1600. Hot Cross Bun fundraiser which made approx. \$360 profit. Phone books which is our Grade 5 fundraiser worth approx. \$5K profit. Big job but very worthwhile. Thanks to our co-ordinators for their efforts.
- SIMON Everywhere – Still having issues. Work in progress.
- Starting this week, Wednesday will be our 'Specialist' Day. The main reason for this change is to alleviate some of the pressure currently on our staff. They need a break for planning time which they are struggling to fit in. They are working into their weekends and long into the night at the moment, which is having an impact on their mental health. They are doing a fantastic job but we don't want to exhaust them. This also provides a 'screen-free' day for the students which is very important in current climate.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Still waiting on arrival of 100 new Chromebooks for 5/6 area. Hopeful they won't be too much longer.
- Grade 4 camp to Sovereign Hill – This is supposed to be next week. 3 options going forward; (1) do it later in 2020 (dependent on availability & easing of restrictions), (2) look into going somewhere else if Sovereign Hill not available (3) Move it to early 2021 and they will have 2 camps in 2021.
- Fundraisers for remainder of 2020 – Not worth thinking about until later in year.

9. NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday May 5th @ 7:30 pm.

MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.