



St John's Lutheran School P&F

General Meeting

5th February 2024

Opened: 6 pm

Attendance: Kylie Birch, Emma Leu-Marshall, Carolyn Dingle, Miriam Squire, Heather Hirsch, Suzanne Koy, Steven Lake, Sara Parfett, Heidi Henderson, Cassie Adams, Jan Hicks, Alannah Parfitt, Jess McNamara, Rachel O'Hara, Monique Hill, Pallari Peepal, Bhogwant Lingh, Anita Reeves, Karyn BP, Casey Wamsley, Racheal Collier and Megan Danslow.

Zoom Attendance:

Apologies: Cathie D'Arcy and Angela Fechner.

Chairman: Carolyn Dingle (President).

Opening Prayer: Carolyn Dingle.

Previous Minutes Accepted:

Meeting 24th July. Previous Minutes accepted with a run down about School Year Book, Treasure Report, Principals Report, Feedback from the Movie Night, Bookarama and refund for P&F. Term Deposit which we will speak more about later.

Moved – Carolyn Dingle. 2nd – Heather Hirsch

Outgoing & Incoming Correspondence:

- Bookarama emails including hall hirer.
- CTC Invoice for the Bookarama Storage Shed
- Fundraising ideas by post and email
- Damien Martoo has asked us to cater a Sausage Sizzle for the Local Electric that is being held at the school hall. This will be held on the 19th of Feb which we will be calling out for Volunteers. We have asked Damo for Numbers and Times etc.

Accept all correspondence by all attendees of meeting.

Treasurer Report:

October to February

Account Westpac- \$93,905.90.

LLL Account - \$1339.80

Outgoing:- Cupcakes \$600.00 , Bus Camps \$5,000.00 , iPads \$6,256.00 , Ham Fundraiser \$663.65 , Arts Selection \$2,100.00 , Activities for the Library \$513.69 , CTC Electricity \$252.66 , Containers for Change \$4.30 , Try-booking Ham coming in \$9,169.00 , P&F Levy \$13,700.70.

Total Profit: - Ham Drive Profit \$2670.00

Moved by Sara Parfett 2nd – Heidi Henderson

Principal Report (Karyn BP):

- Enrolments: Prep-74, Primary-357, Secondary-168 Total Students = 599
- Staffing for 2024 Welcome to Megan Danslow to Secondary Co-Ordinator. There are 16 new staff in 2024. Mr Bill Sharp on leave for semester 1, and classes will be covered internally. Tim Arnold is in position as VET co-ordinator for secondary.
- Strategic Plan – This was finalised last year but still yet to go to the School Council. The new Strategic Plan (Our Future Together 2024 to 2029). Our priorities are under three pillars. 1. Our Learning. 2. Our Future. 3. Our Relationships. As become a bigger school with more students and more staff we endeavour to continue to build this culture developing those relationships between all stake holders within the school and the community.
- School Theme this year is 'Growing in God's Love'. We felt this theme was fitting due to the growth the school is experiencing in enrolments, staffing numbers, buildings and options for subjects.
- Secondary year 7 going on camp 7th-9th Feb, next week year 9,10,11 on camp. A meet the teacher for Secondary was well attended. Many Students completing external studies/coursework in year 10-12. Mental Health Team organised a program called Headspace which was on the 28th of Feb for all secondary to attend.
- Building update. There has been some hold ups but some classrooms are almost complete. The building doesn't look as complete as it actually is with a lot of work being completed internally. The finish date is still on the cards with end of March but we then need to furnish the building. We have had some private tours already through the building. The new year 2 block is now complete with three additional classrooms and extra toilet block.
- Break ins. Unfortunately, we have had some recent break ins causing damage at the kindy and classrooms in yr 5 block. Year 5 B are have been working in the hall until their carpet can be replaced. The students have been amazing and adapted to the situation very well. As well as the staff managing the situation.
- School Management System. Over the holiday break staff have been working tirelessly to install a new whole school management platform. We will be able to offer a 'Parent Portal' and 'Student Portal'. This gives more possibilities for Parents with updating of information, and progress reports. It has been a learning curve for Staff but will help streamline communications between staff and families as the school moves to a complete P-12 school.
- Student Services Team. The Learning Support team and Wellbeing team have been working alongside each other. We recently 'rebranded' the team as 'Student Services Team' to include learning support, Wellbeing and relationships to work closely with Primary and Secondary Co-ordinators as a referral team to provide the best support for our students.
- Swimming. Yr 4-6 swimming in week 2 went well thanks to Mr Collier's great organisation. Swimming Carnival booked 16th of February.
- Pre-service Teacher. Mrs Jess Vermeulen will be working in Secondary Humanities for her practicum from 23rd February for 5 weeks.

- Dance Program. Miss Kirsten Canniford has been overwhelmed by the response to the dance performance team. There will be a year 2/3 team and also a year 4-6 team. They will be able to compete at the eisteddfod in different comps (so they won't be against each other).
- Tarzan. Tarzan the pumpkin has created a lot of interest amongst our community, which we have had the story on our Facebook page. Thanks to Mitch Francis and Greame Moseling for their dedication to this vegetable over the summer break and for the fund and community engagement it has created.
- ISQ Program. We have been accepted into a program for ISQ "Increasing Parent Engagement". We look forward to being part of this and sharing ideas from other schools and enhancing engagement between families and school.
- School Events. Student and Staff installation this morning with parents and church members attending. We look forward to what our student leaders can bring to their roles this year. There are Parent - Teacher information sessions this Wednesday and Next Wednesday.

General Business:

- School Camp Buses. Last year we paid \$5,000.00. But due to the increase of classes and costs we will increase the Bus Camp donation for 2024 to \$8,000.00. We feel this is a great chance for Students and Teachers to bond and have many learning opportunities. Motion was made to increase the School Bus Camp Donation from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00 for 2024.

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- The P&F are happy to continue to pay for the IPAD leasing. Motion was made to continue to donate money towards the IPad Lease.

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- Motion was made that the P&F will continue to support the Library with Lunch time activities
- Ham Drive: Was great and successful as always, and we will continue to have this fundraiser for families as long as, we are able to continue to purchase them from Swickers and Parents are happy to buy.
- Thank you to Angela Fechner who organised the year 6 cupcakes and World Teacher Day.
- Shout out to anyone that would be available to help with the sausage sizzle on Monday night the 19th of February.
- This term we are concentrating on the Bookarama this term which is held at the start of the 2nd term 19th 20th and 21st of April 2024. We have a lot of work to do before this event and we are shouting out for helpers to sort books or even pick them up for us. Perks of helping out is that if you see a book you like while sorting your free to take home. This year we are trying for a Coffee Van and will put emails out to vendors about the proposed weekend. Will also look into types of foods we would be able to have available for purchase on these days eg biscuits from Endeavour or an ice-cream van. We are thoughts about having a preview on the Friday before which would be a paid entry and have maybe the canteen open.
- The P&F are very happy to help with donations going towards the students at the school. Please let us know.

- Year 12 Jersey Subsidy we are waiting on an invoice. The students are already wearing them these are in the newsletter.
- Dance Request. Miss Kirsten has 65 students and Parents do pay \$50.00 which goes towards a performance t-shirt which will be used as a travelling uniform. Costume Costs for the students even with reusing costumes from last year. The \$50.00 does help with some of these cost but for the yr 2-3 students the costumes that have been chosen they would need extra help for the remainder. There are 29 students requiring these costumes at \$14.65 each.

Motion made that the P&F will support the School Dance Performance Team with a donation up to \$500.00 to go towards the Students Costumes.

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- If anyone has any suggestions that the P&F are able to help with or suggestions for events/fundraisers please let us know. Especially with different events for the younger and older students.
- Bookarama a suggestion was put forward to design a Bookmark, which could be a competition? That we could give away at the Bookarama as a thank you for supporting St Johns.
- Coffee Machine was put forward as a potential purchase for the students to both learn on and could be potentially used at events with students participating. This has worked well in other schools where students are able to use it through the Hospitality sector for potential employment or continued education. The P&F look forward to hearing about more information on this throughout the year.
- Home readers aren't spreading fare enough around. Please let us know with a proposal.
- Charity Share the dignity was put forward for the school. This Charity Share the Dignity works to make a real, on-the-ground difference to the lives of women, girls and those who menstruate who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, domestic violence or poverty. They distribute period products to those in need and work to achieve menstrual equity here in Australia. When someone is doing it tough, the last thing on their mind should be dealing with their period. We will look into this for our community here at St Johns.

Next Meeting: 29th April 2024

Meeting Closed at 7.08 pm