



CARINE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Minutes of the Parents and Citizens Association Inc

Meeting

On Monday 20th March 2017

Meeting Opened – 7.01pm

Present - Lisa Cocks, Rob Stirling, Sandra Sepulveda, Ken Fisher, Joanne De Boni, Susanna Blitvich, Michael Meaney, Matt Long, Damian Shuttleworth, Stephen Gray, Alison Rasmussen, Tracy Formilan, Katrina Liddiard, Jenny Blair, Janine Vibert, Suzy Rea, Fidelma Evans, Jeannie O’Sullivan and Philippa Smith.

Apologies – Heather Csar, Lesley Bird, Tina Stevens

Minutes accepted – Janine Vibert

Seconded- Jenny Blair

Business arising from previous minutes:- nil

Correspondence in – nil

The secretary to check with the Front Office about hard copy mail.

Correspondence out – nil

Damian offered the services of Marcia Shaw (PA to Principal) in sending P&C committee correspondence out.

Principal’s Report –Damian Shuttleworth:

Damian proposed a new method in delivering his report where he would present anything pertinent and then ask for questions. The committee were amenable to the suggestion.

Pertinent information

- The \$17.7 million building project will go ahead regardless of the change of state government and a new Minister. This money has been locked in.

- CSHS is contributing \$750,000 over three years to make changes to the original building project which entails building a 300 seat lecture theatre instead of one with the capacity of only 130 seats. Churchlands SHS is the only public school with an exceptional lecture theatre at present.
- Eight other public schools (Byford, Baldivas, Shenton, Harrisdale, Mindarie, Butler, Ashdale and Joseph Banks) with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths) Institute have lecture theatres with only a 90 seat capacity.
- All Science and Home economics rooms in the school will be refurbished as part of the building program. Home economics will gain an industry standard kitchen with an adjoining restaurant while science will gain a state of the art STEM Centre.
- Science and Home economics will lose the use of one classroom each next year during the building phase.

Q&A

- Performing Arts will stay in the Performing Arts Centre because although the capacity is limited; it has a good stage and is purpose built for performances (lighting, sound etc).
- Robotics, Coding etc may become part of the focus of the STEM Centre at CSHS but this has not yet been determined. It was evident when examining the eight other schools that each has a different focus in delivering STEM and CSHS needs to decide what is good for the school.
- Susanna pointed out that Robotics and Coding are already part of the lower school curriculum and a Coding club meets at lunchtimes once a week.
- Damian and Katrina both suggested exploring pathways between CSHS and the Universities such as Engineering or 3-D printing in the Health Sciences at ECU. It was important that STEM equipment did not become outdated too quickly and that maintenance costs were considered.
- Toilet refurbishments will not be part of the building project as any change would require upgrading the facilities to comply with today's regulations. The cost would be prohibitive.
- Although \$2 million has been spent in the last couple of years to repair and upgrade the school, parts of the school could use a paint job. Damian commented that any painting projects would be in the future.
- The proposed changes to Perth Modern would have no affect on CSHS unless there was a change of boundaries.
- Katrina thanked Damian and his staff for the excellent tactic of telling Year 12 students they may be breathalysed before entering the Year 12 ball as alcohol consumption was not a problem. A good time was had by all.

Office Bearers

- **Election of Treasurer**

Sandra introduced herself to the P&C Committee and commented that she had experience of P&C's as she had been Secretary on her child's primary school committee.

**Nominate for Treasurer – Sandra Sepulveda
Moved Rob Stirling, seconded by Janine Vibert**

CARRIED

Rob is happy to help Sandra in her new role and Damian also offered the services of Lee Masters (Head of CSHS Corporate Services).

- **Signatories**

Lisa commented that she would like all the Office Bearers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) to be signatories.

Currently, the ex-Treasurer, President and the Principal are 'A' signatories and Rosemary Gooch (Canteen Manager) is a 'B' signatory.

Jenny said that this arrangement contravenes the WACCSO constitution which stipulates that employees and the Principal cannot be signatories. Rob explained that this arrangement existed so there was always a second signatory at the school (Principal) and to show trust in the staff (Rosemary).

Janine commented that if the change takes place to just the four Office Bearers being signatories, then it was necessary to have a procedure in place to make sure wages are paid every Tuesday.

Office Bearers and Rob are to meet separately on Tuesday 4th April to change signatories and put procedures in place.

ACTION

Canteen Committee

**Nominate for member – Joanne De Boni
Moved Jenny Blair, seconded by Tracey Forminlan**

CARRIED

**Nominate for member – Janine Vibert
Moved Jenny Blair, seconded by Joanne De Boni**

CARRIED

Parent Network Committee

- **Election of more members**
Katrina offered to help out when there was a function.
- **Whole school picnic meet and greet Friday 10th March**

Lisa reported that the event did not attract as many parents as expected but that the 26 parents that did come enjoyed themselves. Another picnic is planned for November in the quadrangle.

The committee discussed piggy backing parent network gatherings onto other functions like the function that was backed onto the Year 7 swimming carnival. It was suggested that combining picnics with outdoor music concerts might be more successful.

Mike Meaney (President of Carine Primary School P&C Committee) said he was happy to try cross collaboration events like the CPS movie night and end of year concert.

Fidelma commented that often parents would attend more functions if they knew where they were. For example, although CSHS came 3rd in the interschool swimming carnival, not many parents attended.

It's possible that more would attend if they knew where it was being held. The same applies to the upcoming cross country interschool competition.

Susanna (for Toni) offered to advertise events using Connect ACTION

General Business

- **P & C meeting day**

The committee agreed that Monday nights between 7-8 pm was fine.

- **Lockers**

Susanna tabled the results from 3 surveys of parents, students and staff which included comments made by parents and students.

Only a third of parents, students and about half the staff responded. The low response may in part be due to problems with Internet explorer and Connect and also missing the notice.

Parents were overwhelming in favour of lockers as were the students who said they would use the lockers. The staff were not in support of each student having a locker.

The parents were mainly concerned with the weight of the school bags for Years 7-9 once swimming gear, folders, exercise books, lunch and water bottles were included.

Susanna commented that the school was addressing what was going into school bags by using online textbooks and producing the pamphlet "Getting Organised" (tabled).

Damian commented that only 35 % of the senior administration was in favour.

The committee agreed that more research was needed before a decision is made to proceed with lockers.

Some of the research necessary to make an informed decision includes:

1. Surveys to be re-done with an aim to getting a majority of parents, students and staff replying. Jenny commented that it would be good to know why the staff were not so keen.
2. Determine if each student needs a locker-rolling locker system may be an option where the locker assigned to a student changes everyday.

3. Ken commented that parents needed a list of options to make a decision. For example, introduce a system like Greenwood College where students hire a locker for a week, leave textbooks in classrooms, buy bags from the Uniform shop which were sized for what students would be carrying, rolling lockers, assigned lockers etc

4. 'Locker bullying' needs to be considered-lockers are great targets for bullies to write notices or physically intimidate a student by hanging around their locker.

5. Could trial a locker system (i.e. assigned to each student, rolling lockers etc) to one Year group to see what works.

5. Steven Spice from Duncraig SHS told Damian that lockers costs approximately \$120 each. Therefore, total cost for CSHS to be funded by the P&C would be the range of \$170,000.

Susanna (for Toni) to redo surveys with options and gather more information about lockers so the P&C can make an informed decision **ACTION**

Other General Business

Jenny will write a good news story about the parent network activities of CSHS P&C committee for the WACCSO newsletter.

Jenny also commented and **tabled** a parent information session on drugs by SDERA (on WACCSO website). The session was on Thursday 23rd March.

Marketing and Communication report-Susanna Blitvich

- Susanna thanked Alison for being the family she videoed for Connect. Susanna also filmed 2 classes.
- The World's Greatest Shave held on Friday 17th March raised about \$3000.00.
- Anzac Day assembly will be the 1st day of Term 2 (Wednesday 26th April). The Anzac flower laying in Kings Park on 24th April will be happening again this year; the school has been doing this since 1986.
- Parent/Teacher nights in weeks 8 & 10.
- The newsletter will be out by the end of term.
- Dylan Sercombe-Moore will be presenting a seminar on How ATAR Works for Years 10-12 students and parents on both Parent Teacher Interview afternoons Wednesday 22nd March and Tuesday 4th April at 2 & 5 pm.
- The Parent Support Group meeting is on March 29th 2017.

Damian (on behalf of the P&C) thanked Susanna for the wonderful job she had done filling in for Toni.

Meeting closed: 8.20 pm

Next meeting: Monday 15th May 2017, 7pm