McAULEY CATHOLIC COLLEGE P & F ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
16 February 2016

Meeting Opened: 5.40 pm

Present: Mark O’Farrell, Megan Summerell, Jo Acton, Bernadine Solomon, Amy Reed, Leree Alford, Julie Sloan, Renee Zimmerman, Natalie McPherson, Simone McPherson, Kylie Pitt, Lisa Masson, Kim Brown, Katherine Winkler, Jo Madden and Susan Polsen

Apologies: Amy Brennan, Henry Sheehan, Kate Norton

Previous Minutes: Were read and accepted. Moved: Amy Reed Seconded: Leree Alford

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence In: Letter from McAuley Catholic College dated 16 December 2015 thanking the P&F for the financial support at the end of year prize giving ceremonies.

Correspondence Out: Thank you card sent to Maree Phillips – former member of P&F whose contributions included organising the fundraising cookbook and establishing/running a second hand clothing poll.

Treasurers Report:
ANZ Bank Account balance as at 29/1/2016 $1626.27
Westlawn Investments account now closed and balance transferred to ANZ account.

Principals Report:
• As per attached report – Mark spoke extensively giving an overview of the school and some of the initiatives he is undertaking.

General Business:
• Megan welcomed all, especially the new faces and gave an overview of the undertakings of the P&F; its role as a communication device between parents and school and emphasized that fundraising is a small part of our involvement, although we have still been able to purchase blazers for senior students to wear when representing the school as well as contributing towards the purchase of air conditioning units for classrooms during 2015. The committee meets at 5.30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (but not if it falls in the holidays). All members are welcome to participate at whatever level they able.
• Megan discussed the possibility of including the P&F minutes on the school website and ensuring meetings are advertised in the school newsletter.
• Amy spoke about ensuring students have access to assistance in times of distress, as recent tragedies in the valley have impacted on many young people. Mark spoke about the role of the counselling support provided in the school and the fact executive staff and teachers monitor and act when/where necessary.
• Leree raised question about sun safe policy, ensuring this is adhered to during outdoor classes (i.e. agriculture) and not just during recess and lunch (is sunscreen available for students?). This led to discussion on uniform, in particular hats, with Mark advising there had been supply issues for some items of uniform which were being addressed.
• Bernadine advised the McAuley Hockey Club would be meeting Wednesday 17 February, any interested players (girls/women) welcome to attend or sign up.
• Bernadine also spoke of the benefits in getting involved in attending parent meetings and getting to know the parents of your children’s friends (i.e. Y7 parent get together being held next week). Discussed assisting at next school social (date to be confirmed) if interested.
• Discussion also about the possibility of holding P&F meetings down river/Woolgoolga, etc so it is more accessible to all parents.

Meeting Closed: 6.55 pm.

Next Meeting - AGM followed by ordinary meeting:
Tuesday 15 March 2016 @ 5:30pm
Principal’s Report
Parents and Friends Meeting
16 Feb 2016

Celebrations
- Great start to year and welcome to myself and my family at the Opening Mass by Fr Jim and the combined St Mary’s and McAuley communities. Much appreciated
- I have been out and about meeting students, learning names every lunch and bus duty. Students are very friendly and so happy to engage in conversation.
- Outline of Key Strategic Goals for the College Annual Plan (see attached in detail)
- New Education Consultant for McAuley - Chris Comerford (from St John’s Woodlawn for 2016 only)
- 68 Bright eyed New Yr 7 students welcomed on first day to College Assembly
- Both Opening Mass and Ash Wednesday very prayerful liturgies with all students entering into the prayer in respectful manner showing their Mercy values
- Staffing transitions on Leadership Team (Kathy Warby new AP Mission and Marg Bertalli learning the Curriculum role).
- Mission Team established to build Parish-School relationships (Fr Bing, Kathy, myself, YMOs) to lead meetings on fortnightly basis
- First few weeks have been busy for with late enrolment interviews, changes from Public schools or CVAS or old McAuley students wishing to return.
- Census figure last Friday was 512 students. Our staffing is currently based on 540.
- Growth, promotion and marketing of the school is a key goal I will lead this year. This will start shortly with 2017 Information Nights and visits to Yamba, Maclean, Woolgoolga and Open Night planned for St Mary’s and St Joseph’s on 22 March. To be advertised.
- Statue of Jesus arrived last week and is being installed as the final part of the Mercy Reflection Garden. More to come.

Upcoming School Events
- Wk 4 Federal MP Kevin Hogan visiting this Wed
- Wk 4 Yr 10 science and senior Physics classes - “Engineering Without Borders” presentation Pd 1-4
- Wk 4 House Swimming carnival Friday
- Wk 5 New Parents Social 23 Feb 5.30pm (advertised and letter sent to all Yr 7)
- Wk 5 Yr 7 Reflection Day at St Mary’s Church and Mary Immaculate Cowper
- Wk 5 Principals retreat meeting in Yamba
- Wk 6 Financial audit of school
- Wk 7 Catholic Schools Week celebrations/David Condon visiting school
- Wk 7 LEAD festival for Diocese Thurs-Fri for 150 Yr 11-12 students
- Wk 8 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
- Wk 9 Holy Week - Holy Thursday Staff Retreat (Pupil Free Day) Catholic Worldview in a Secular World theme