

Mercy Catholic College

Parents and Friends Association

Meeting Minutes 10 August, 2016

Meeting opened: 19:05

Attendees: Phillipa S (Yr. 8 & 12), Robyn S (Yr. 11), Catherine W (Yr. 8), Derek & Niana Wood (Yr. 7&8), Carmel, Meredith C (Yr. 9), Liz K, Gemma M

1. **Welcome from President.**
2. **Meeting opening prayer**
3. **Apologies:**
4. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Proposed: Phillipa, Seconded Catherine
5. **Business Arising**
6. **Correspondence**
7. **Principal/Vice Principal's Report and discussion**
 - Suzanne mentioned she has received a few emails/calls in regards to the fee increases 2017, some parents wished for further clarification.
 - HSC Trials – girls doing well
 - Student Numbers – 2017 is full with a substantial waiting list
 - 2018 numbers – 160 applications already – very pleasing
 - Canteen is currently up for tender 2017. Had to be proactive due to the declining number of available helpers
 - Suzanne requested money from the P&F to cover the Air Conditioning. The P&F require approximately 15K in order to cover the Yr. 7 BBQ
 - Chromebooks – current yr. 7 & 10 going well
 - Letter has been sent to current Yr. 9 parents regarding Chromebooks for next year
 - Wi-Fi was discussed, and Phillipa mentioned writing to the diocese. Suzanne thought that would be fine
 - It was raised if the current Yr. 8 could bring their own Chromebooks next year. It could cause a few issues; however, Suzanne will raise it with the staff
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 - Discussed the current printing issues – IT teacher has provided Step-by-Step instructions. We discussed maybe creating video/YouTube with instructions

8. **Treasurer's Report – Robyn submitted Treasurer Report (attached)**

- a. Bank Balance as at 4 August, 2016 \$58,678.74

9. General Business

- Catherine mentioned what an amazing job Philomena (Netball) was doing, and in fact all the parents who are assisting with extra curriculum sport. Phillipa would approach the Activities committee (Margaret K) to ask if the P&F could provide additional thank you to these parents on behalf of the school community.
- Niana Wood discussed Financial literacy for young women in schools. Suzanne mentioned there is a current Commonwealth Bank initiative at Mercy, but for Niana to provide further information.

10. President's Report

Congratulations to Suzanne on her contract renewal

Father's Day – Thursday 1st September

- Phillipa to register Try Booking
- Will maintain similar food – i.e. B&E rolls, etc.
- Will enquire to see if we have two coffee carts on the day – due to time allocated on the morning
- Will be asking for Volunteers on Wednesday 31 Aug (2.30 – 4.30pm) and from 6am Thursday morning
- Phillipa suggested Mr Cutler to be the speaker on the day. Suzanne was happy for her to approach Mr Cutler
- Request will go out to the fathers to submit a photo of themselves and their daughter(s)

Graduation Ceremony – Wednesday 21st September

- Yr. 11 parents to assist
- Will maintain similar food to last year
- Suggestion to have the cake before
- 83 students in Yr. 12 and will cater for approximately 250

Meeting close: 20:15

Next meeting: 19 October