

ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Parents and Friends Association

Minutes of Parents and Friends General Meeting

Tuesday, February 19th, 2013

7.30pm – Stubbs Library

Attendees: Gareth Leechman, Jo Selff, Rachael Aldacour, Nicole Hadden, Jim Webb, Lyn Hudson, Vanessa Terheegde, Jacqui Faenringer, Anita Steenbok, Mindi Chisholm, Marianne Thronton, Cassandra Moore, Justine McAlpine, Tina Reardon, Martin Conway, Melissa Smith, Sue Glinn, Sandra Cheetham, Rachael Finn, Jodie Woods, Juanita Beazley, Barbra Newton, Leigh McGowen, Leanne Murray, Veronica Bittenderfer, Paula Rodgers, Collette Pasfield, Alannah Norman, Liz Moore, Mr Milford, Mrs Merrick

Apologies : Fiona Christopher

Opening Prayer

Introduction – Jo Selff

2013 P & F will have a major focus on strengthening community spirit within Arndell whilst continuing to raise money to fund projects to benefit Arndell students and families. The first goal of P & F for 2013 is to provide 20 additional outdoor seats/benches to accommodate growing student numbers at a cost of approx. \$1000 per bench.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and accepted – Nicole Hadden

Moved: Sandra Cheetham

Seconded; Collette Pasfield

Treasurers Report

Fiona Christopher sent apologies for being unable to attend meeting.

Fiona had prepared a treasurer report showing draft accounts as at 19th Feb 2013. P & F funded the extension of the stage in the auditorium at a cost of \$32 000. Mr Leechman thanked P & F for their contribution.

Moved: Alannah Norman

Seconded: Vanessa Terheegde

Constitution

Mr Leechman reported on updates and modification to the Arndell Anglican College P & F constitution. Significant changes made include the deletion of individual sub committees i.e. Canteen and Uniform shop, decreased number of Committee members required to form committee and a decrease in the number

of general meetings required to be held per year (4). The amended financial reporting component of the constitution ensures that Arndell P & F meet all not for profit trading legislation. Thankyou to Rachael Aldacour for all her hard work in updating the Arndell P & F constitution. P& F president Jo Selff at meeting signed the new Constitution.

Moved: Mindi Chisholm

Seconded: Collette Pasfield

Family Fun Day – Alannah Norman

Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday 25th May 2013.

Alannah will be co-ordinating Family Fun Day for her second year running and will be putting out a call for all interested volunteers to be on the committee or to help on the day. A notice regarding Fun Day meeting will go out to school community within the next fortnight. The vision for this year Family Fun Day is to showcase Arndell Anglican College to the wider community. Fundraising activity for the day is vitally important but secondary to creating a wonderful community event. A request was made to anyone interested in coordinating the very successful sew wot mums stall. Any interested volunteers please contact P & F.

Trivia Night – Mindi Chisholm

Trivia Night will be held on Sat 23rd March 2013 in school gymnasium. This year will be an 80s themed evening. Flyers will be distributed this week and posters will be on display around school. Aim of night is to connect the school community, providing an opportunity to make new acquaintances in a fun environment whilst raising money for our students benefit.

Event costing is \$15pp, seating is at tables of 10, event is BYO drinks and food and is Adults only. Mr Leechman commended the efforts of last years committee for putting on a great night and expects that last years attendance of 170 will be improved upon this year.

A request was made for donations of goods and/or services to be used as prizes on the night. Any donations can be delivered to front office made attention to Mindi Chisholm.

Equestrian

Kristin Bailey will take on the role of Equestrian coordinator for 2013. Kristin is a member of Arndell High school math department. Kristin has competed in equestrian and has experience judging. Kirstin is putting together an email list of all persons interested in being involved in the school equestrian team and is asking anyone interested in joining the equestrian committee to contact her asap. The equestrian will remain a P & F committee.

Principals Report

Mr Leechman welcomed the school community for 2013. Student numbers continue to grow in line with the positive reputation Arndell has in the community. 2013 will be a year of consolidation, ensuring Arndell's vision and value statement are achieved. A strong focus has been given to solidifying

teaching staff, with the introduction of an assistant head of junior school and a dedicated junior sports teacher.

Junior School Portfolios

Mr Peterson displayed examples of student portfolios, which will be introduced throughout the junior school in 2013. Portfolios will give another dimension to student assessment and reporting. Portfolios will display students' work and will be sent home for observation at the end of term and returned the following term. Portfolios aim to encourage motivation in students by allowing them to participate in self-evaluation and reflection.

New Arndell Anglican Website

The new website will be accessible from Monday 24th, Feb 2013. Website will be social media friendly – Facebook and twitter functions will be available shortly. Canteen ordering will be accessible on website asap. Mr Leechman expressed thanks to the I.T department and farewelled Rohan who will be taking on an I.T role within Anglican Schools head office.

1:1 Learning (1 x mobile computer system per student)

Arndell Anglican College has the full I.T infrastructure required to enable all students' access to 1:1 technology. The most appropriate form of device is currently being explored. It is estimated that the 1:1 programme will be implemented within the next 1-2 years beginning with High School students.

Car park

Mr Webb and Mr Leechman acknowledge this is an ongoing concern. They are in negotiations and development planning with the RTA in an attempt to relieve the situation. The period between 3.00pm and 3.25pm remain the most congested and parents are urged to be patient and extremely careful at these times. Any suggestions or advice on rectifying the car park situation may be emailed to Mr Webb or Mr Peterson.

Year 7 Camp

The year 7 orientation camp was held for the second year and was again very successful and enjoyable. This camp allows year 7 students to connect with each other and heads of house.

Year 12 initiatives

An academic mentoring programme is being introduced in 2013 pairing each year 12 student with a senior staff member who will mentor and guide them through their final school year.

A 3-day study camp will be scheduled throughout the year.

Sports

In 2013 sports/PE programme is participated in 2 x weekly in junior school.

Specialist sports training and coaching opportunities are being introduced throughout the college. Updated sports page can be accessed on website, regular sports newsletters will be sent to families via email and a sms sports update service will be available to high school students/families.

Arndell Business Directory

P & F are investigating the possibility of publishing a bi annual business directory, advertising businesses run by Arndell families. Advertising brochure would be offered in hard copy and on Arndell website. Two size advertisements would be available, ¼ page and 4-line listing. Price structure is still being negotiated. An expression of interest form will be distributed to families in the near future. Thankyou to Julie Mezzomo for volunteering to design and collate the directory.

Parenting Course

Mr Peterson encourages all families to attend the upcoming course on dealing with challenging behaviour in children. Leaflets are available from student services.

Assistant Head of Junior School

Welcome to Mr Martin Conway as the new assistant head of junior school and year 6 teacher. Mr Conway has many years experience in teaching and is excited by opportunity to work with Arndell families.

Uniform Shop

Mr Leechman thanked all the dedicated volunteers who helped to pack and unpack the uniform shop for refurbishment over the Christmas school holidays. Uniform shop is in need of more volunteers, particularly Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.30 -4.00pm. Any one able to offer help can contact Liz Moore at Uniform shop.

General Business

Sports Uniforms

Mr Peterson will clarify which sports days junior school children can wear their PE shirt or house shirt. Mr Peterson apologised for any inconvenience caused by the additional sports day, but stressed the enormous benefit gained by students.

Canteen

Any suggestions or comments on canteen menu items are most welcome.

Meeting Closed 9.15pm