



ARNDELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Parents and Friends Association

Minutes of Parents and Friends General Meeting

Tuesday, 14 May 2013

7.00pm – Stubbs Library

Attendees: Gareth Leechman, Jo Selff, Rachael Aldacour, Nicole Hadden, Vanessa Terheegde, Kevin Brown, Leigh McGowen, Allyson O'Rourke, Anna Giarratano, Michelle Jowsey, Kim Harris, Melissa Smith, Liz Hill, Richard Steenbeeke, Keith Peterson, Marianne Thornton, Sandra Cheetham, Barbra Newton, Tina Reardon, Suzanne Glinn, Kerri-anne Isemonger, Lynn Gillen, Karen Merrick, Jim Milford, Alannah Norman, Steve Osbourne, Cassandra Moore

Apologies: Fiona Christopher

Opening Prayer

Introduction – Jo Selff

P & F have provided much needed new outdoor seating in both junior and senior school. Seating has now been installed and has been very popular with students.

Previous Minutes

It was moved that minutes of P & F meetings will be available on the P & F page of the Arndell Anglican College website, hard copies will still be available at meetings. Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Moved : Rachael Aldacour

Seconded : Alannah Norman

Treasurer Report

Fiona Christopher sent apologies for being unable to attend meeting. Treasurer report has been prepared showing draft accounts as at 14th May 2013. P & F accounts are currently with auditor for annual audit.

Fiona has given notice of her intention to resign as P & F treasurer therefore we are seeking expressions of interest from anyone keen to take on this role.

Moved: Vanessa Terheegde

Seconded: Anna Giarratano

Fun Day

Fun Day will be held on 25th May 2013. 20,000 flyers have been distributed throughout local area, advertisements have been placed in local papers and media. Fun Day is a great day out for our current Arndell families and also serves as an open day for new/interested families.

Volunteers are currently being sought from all years to work on stalls throughout the day, even a short amount of time will be most helpful. Donations of plants and fresh fruit and vegetables would be greatly appreciated. Please invite all your family and friends along on the day.

Earn and Learn

Woolworths earn and learn programme is currently running, please remember to collect your stickers every time you shop. Collection boxes are located at Windsor Woolworths and in Student Services. The deadline is currently 9th June 2013 so all stickers need to be returned prior. Last year Arndell families earned the school \$3000 worth of equipment by participating in the earn and learn programme.

Trivia Night

A very enjoyable and successful night. Approximately 160 people attended and raised around \$4,500, with figures currently being finalised. Well done to the trivia night committee.

Business Directory

There has been a lot of interest in this initiative with approximately 170 family businesses expressing interest in advertising. We are currently awaiting final payments and submissions of advertisements. Deadline for payment/submissions is 31st May 2013.

Canteen

Online ordering system is working well and has increased orders among High School students. Arndell Anglican canteen operates within the healthy school guidelines and online ordering has seen an increase in the purchase of fruit products. There has been a minor price increase due to rising supply costs which is unavoidable.

Study Skills – Mrs Merrick

Mrs Merrick presented a very informative talk on encouraging strong study skills in students. Topics covered included importance of attitude, goal setting, time management, routines, individual learning styles, study techniques, exam preparation and exam techniques. Notes from talk will be made available to interested parents, please go to student services if you would like a copy. Mrs Merrick also advised parents that there are some great resources available in the secondary library, including copies of past exams.

Principals Report – Mr Leechman

Mr Leechman advised there will be a new, abbreviated format used for mid year reports, it is hoped this will encourage parents/carers to attend teacher interviews. Mr Leechman strongly encourages all secondary students to attend interviews along with their parent/carer, it would be appreciated if students wear their college uniform for interviews.

Introduction of laptops in secondary school will commence from 2014. Arndell Anglican College has full I.T infrastructure to enable this process. An annual fee will be charged to families to support this programme, the amount has not yet been finalised, but is estimated in the vicinity of \$600 pp. and will also cover textbook costs. Finalised fees and payment structures will be advised as soon as possible. The introduction of laptops will mean fewer text books eliminating the need for high schoolers to carry extremely heavy back packs. Once laptop programme is established in the secondary college a simplified version may be introduced to year 5 and 6 students.

General Business

Uniform Shop

Some concern regarding Uniform Shop opening times and waiting times was raised. Arndells new business manager, Jodie Woods, is currently looking at these issues.

Uniform

Random class/homeroom uniform checks have been reintroduced within both junior and secondary school.

Car Park

Car parking is an ongoing issue at drop off and pick up times. Once again parents are asked to obey parking signs and to drive with extreme care. Anyone willing or able to do so is encouraged to pick up

after rush time as students are supervised until 3.30pm. A suggestion to introduce rear to curb parking was made and will be explored. It was suggested that the tree in the middle of the senior car park/driveway area be removed to make area safer for both students and drivers.

Meeting Closed 8.35pm

Nicole Hadden
Secretary P & F