

FERNSVALE STATESCHOOL
Parents and Citizens Association
General Meeting Minutes
19th October 2015

Christian Religious Instruction spoke prior to commencement of meeting Re: starting religious instruction back at Fernvale. It is a nondenominational group of volunteers from local church groups. Instruction from Year 1-6, it is non-compulsory. Lessons run for 30-45minutes per week. It is organised with school to work in with current programs/time tabling. New lessons are not allowed to be covered by teachers whilst other children are in religious instruction.

Meeting opened at: _____7:50pm_____

1. **Attendance and Apologies:** Refer attendance book. Apologies Ed Eugster, Belinda Proos, Gere Stewart
2. **Previous Minutes:** Moved: Dee Strong
Seconded: Michelle Hahn
3. **Business Arising from Previous minutes.**
 - ❖ Working Bee- postponed due to delayed delivery of mulch. Plan for weekend prior to start of school 2016. School generally needs good tidy up after Xmas break. Will advertise in last few newsletters 2015, on communication board and website. Thank you to Jason Wendt- pruned trees and Paul and Anthony Ivanovic for work on top oval and laying turf outside prep rooms.
 - ❖ Fernvale P&C donation to another P&C that has been affected by a major incident/natural disaster. Nil Suggestion for beneficiaries
 - ❖ P&C to take percentage of second hand uniform sales. Between 10 and 50percent. David discussed with Auditors who were at the school August 24-26. They suggested that effort required in taking percentage not worth income generated. Also suggested that dealing with second hand uniforms not worth it as a whole and could should consider not dealing with the 2nd hand uniforms but having them donated and then purchased through donation chains e.g. lifeline. Will discuss further with Gere re: work for her to deal with 2nd hand uniforms.
4. **Correspondence IN:**
 - Email- News for P&C's
 - Email- From Minister for Education regarding extra funding for teachers and teacher aides.
 - Letters from Moses Armstrong-Ravula- asking for assistance for attendance to State and National athletics.
 - Paint ball fundraiser- possibility of using as raffle prize. Decision not too as not local and possible extra cost to winning ticket to use prize.
5. **Correspondence OUT:**
 - Letter to Jim Madden regarding council assistance in funding school Chaplaincy program.
6. **Business Arising from Inward Correspondence:**

- Decision made to support Moses- \$150 for compulsory fee for Met West in Townsville and \$180 for Nationals in Canberra.

7. **Treasurer's Report-** statements attached

❖ Balances (Approx):

\$ 20000	General Account
\$ 30000	Tuckshop Account
<u>\$ 50000</u>	TOTAL

Moved: Kerry DeRuiter

Seconded: David Heyward

8. **Business Arising from Treasurer's Report-**

- \$3000 paid to Scripture Union for Chaplaincy wages. Still awaiting an invoice for a further \$6500 plus GST to cover wages 2days/week till end of school 2015.

9. **Principal's Report-**

- School Chaplain Application submitted. Covers funding for 3years @\$20000/year. Will be notified 1st December 2015. If unsuccessful other funding options to be followed up e.g Further contact with Jim Madden, Local Member.
- Great Results Guarantee money now IFS (investing for success)- FSS to get \$214000 for 2016 and similar in 2017.
 - Will be used to improve student achievement especially in writing and numeracy. Especially P-3 intervention, involvement with Jodie Eugster and Deanna Peel, extra casual teacher aides for oral language programs.
 - Additional ipads
 - Further development of explicit instruction e.g. engaging John Fleming as critical friend of school.
- Meeting tomorrow with teachers regarding additional days for Speech and Language Pathologist at school.
- Loss of Petra Cooke- head of curriculum and numeracy coach. Will look at position for 2016. Option of combining this role with another part deputy position. Mrs Kazinowski is covering at present.
- 2016 school numbers- 52 enrolled preps at present, plan for 3 classes; 23-24 classes; 580 students.
- State government has looked at allocation models in primary schools. In 2016 FSS has extra funding for .5position for curriculum coordination time. If over 575 students also get .5 deputy position.
- Break in at school Friday night between 10pm-5am. Smashing of glass, kicked whirlie birds off rooves, gardens wrecked, nothing was stolen. Only targeted class rooms with no security system. Police called, DNA and finger prints retrieved .
- I-pad review done by teachers. Main complaint not enough i-pads to use when they need them.
- Swimming Year 4-6. For 3 weeks only and then will have carnival 5th November. Due to difficulty with pool access, even worse with Yr 7 at Lowood High School. School did look at other options at Esk and Woodlands but travel time a big issue. P&C will write a letter to Somerset Regional Council to lobby for a local pool. Was last raised by David in 2007 at Esk council review of sport and recreational grounds. Council could not justify

cost due to local proximity of Lowood pool. Glenn Dudley (QAS) will also forward letter of support for local pool.

- Religious Instruction- was previously offered at FSS. Was stopped due to poor consistency of attendance of instructors- was a big disruption to class time. David's concern is trying to fit it in current class time. Teachers already finding it difficult to cover all aspects of curriculum plus timetabling with PE, music, LOTE. Rebecca mentioned option also for her to run a program through Scripture Union in lunch time. To do this Rebecca would need 2days/week at Fernvale in 2016. Will reconsider options plus consider parent survey when outcome of Chaplaincy funding is known (Dec 1st 2015).

10. Market Report-

- Numbers increasing with warmer weather
- 29th November- Fatal 4 stall
- Independent auditors checking accuracy of scales last Saturday. No concerns, if anything they were under-weighing.
- Some complaints from stall holders regarding rubbish on back fence. This will be addressed when access to sports ground development is sorted.

11. Tuckshop Report-

- In last book keepers report noticed uniform stock significant vs sales made this year. Approx \$40000 worth of uniforms at present. ? due to loss of Year 7 and larger sizes (may take a while to sell these) + readiness for Prep intake.
- Overall income from tuckshop has improved on a day to day basis (some Fridays \$500-600).

12. Chaplaincy Report- report attached

- Breakfast club- look at starting 2016. Would offer fruit and toast. Woolworths and Harvest Angels (Lowood Hampers) would provide food. Red Cross has appropriate survey to be sent to parents/carers.
- Fundraising- Chappy Train raised \$784; Drive in raised \$326; ice block day approx. \$170.
- Rebecca working 4days this term (dropped one day).

13. General Business-

- Before and After School Care-
- Roof on prep play area. David has discussed in recent maintenance budget. Question of safety of whole play area and whether it all needs to be replaced. Will not redo shade until decision is made. Long term goal for play equipment on oval on Lowood Road also.
- Glenn Dudley from QAS- looking at running basic 1st aid/CPR awareness program at school. Level of training/information would depend on year level.
- David wanting to purchase defibrillator for school- Glenn Dudley will source appropriate machine and quotes.

Meeting closed at _____9:28pm_____