

St Vincent's Primary School P&F Association Committee Meeting Minutes

5th August 2014. Chairperson – J Benton, P&F President

Meeting opened at 6:20pm.

Attendance.

As per attendance register. Apologies: C. Tootell

1. **Welcome** - Jakki Benton.
2. **Opening prayer** – Kerry Rowlands
3. **Previous minutes** (27th May 2014) - motion to accept: J. Benton, 2nd A. Bleakley
4. **Principal's Report.**
 - a) Pacific Fair Competition. \$10,000 raised, St Vincent's came 3rd. Given the wider school community was responsible for this prize money, Kerry asked the committee for suggestions on how this amount should be spent. Decision to be made at the 7pm General Meeting.
 - b) Web Portal. Bernie Kearney continues to be the driving force behind this. Skool Bag app/share point.
 - c) Mid Year Change of Teacher. Kerry explained how this situation occurs from time to time, despite being less than ideal for students and parents. However it is inevitable and all teachers of course have the industrial right to take their leave. On this occasion there was a handover period to hopefully minimize disruption or anxiety. The school tries to encourage year-to-year leave arrangements.
 - d) Athletics Carnival. Feedback was received in relation to some parents being offended when asked to step back from the children's area. This has always been a clear request at St Vincent's sports carnivals. The Prep/Year 1 Sports Fun Day was another excellent day for all concerned. Great thanks to Peter Brennan for organizing these events in his customary expert manner. Possible BBQ next year. Feedback in relation to more parent viewing/cheering areas for cross-country filed for review in 2015.

5. **President's Report.**

a) **Upcoming Events - St Vincent's Night.**

An ATM is booked for the evening (Nicole explained the significant fundraising potential of an ATM should St Vincent's ever choose to invest). Concerns about queue jumping have been addressed (staff in fluoro vests to supervise). Jakki raised the possibility of having a Flash Mob on the night. A little late to arrange a student mob, but Kerry may put the suggestion to certain members of staff. We wait in hope!

Power point presentation – Nicole van Leeuwestyn.

Nicole outlined what we can expect to see at St V Night and Sally Arnold gave an overview of confirmed sponsors and major prizes.

Prizes have been targeted to appeal to a broad cross section.

Nicole explained volunteers for the evening will be booked online through PTO, with any shortfalls identified and filled closer to the date.

b) **Father's Day Breakfast.**

Date change to 12th September after St Vincent's Night.

c) **Dad and Kids Campout.** School newsletter to be updated to reflect new date.

d) **Recent Events.**

Trivia Night. Another huge success. Always a fun night! Kerry, Chris and David were the adjudicators this year – thanks again. Marty was once again the 'host with the most'. Many thanks to Amanda Bleakley for leading the wonderful organization of the event.

Guest Speaker - Brett Lee. We were very fortunate recently to have Brett Lee address our school community about keeping our children safe online. Whilst the topic can be confronting, Brett gave relevant, practical strategies and the evening was a great success. We would like to invite Brett back again in the future.

6. Business Arising.

- a) Pacific Fair Community Grant. Jakki is awaiting a reply from Pacific Fair and liaising with Richard over some details.
- b) Friendly Families. Confirming P&F will fund booklet for each family.
- c) Perspex Ticket Barrel. Susan to obtain quotes.

7. New Business.

- a) End of Year Parties – Years 6 and 7. Request for additional \$500 to reflect equal amount spent per student.
- b) Disco. Date is very close to St Vincent's Night, however very difficult to reschedule to later in the year, which is already a very busy time. Disco will remain on this original date, and we thank the Leadership Team and all staff involved for once again giving up their valuable personal time.

8. Treasurer's Report.

Richard outlined \$46,000 in the account, which is up on same time last year. Sponsorship money is coming in.

Meeting concluded at 7:15pm

Next Committee Meeting - 6pm Tuesday 14th October 2014.