DATE: 20 February 2017
MEETING OPENED: 6:30pm

VENUE: School Library

ATTENDANCE: Jan Dolstra, Mark Tishler, Maria Ninopoulou, Heather Costa, Dinakar Prabhakar, Sheryl Esplanada, Frederick Esplanada, Sana Saheer, Hitesh Chandra, Alan Scudder, Luisa Trieu, Dan Amos, Marianne Amos.

APOLOGIES: Sokka Ung, Amanda Langley, Justin Perrett

BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH’S MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

TREASURER’S REPORT:
- (Nov) MFHS P&C Fees Semester 2 $5390.00 + $4 P&C membership fees
- (Dec) MFHS P&C Fees Semester 2 $1430.00
Balance $10,086.92

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Dan Amos
Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new Parents. The meeting is a good opportunity to hear what is going on in the school. Also part of the function of the P&C is to help out with purchasing furniture/equipment etc as needed, from the P&C Contribution Fund. Last year the P&C helped the school by purchasing furniture (tables for examinations and chairs for assemblies), for the school assembly hall. Another very important way people can become involved is by participating in panels to hire Executive Teachers/Head Teachers as required.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Jan Dolstra

- **Staffing**
  We Farewelled: John Wilkie, David Ralston, Both longstanding members of the Executive have retired; Mrs Lees is on leave prior to retirement; Paul Hollis has moved to the private system (Wenona School); Ms McKeown has gone to Bankstown Senior College as Teacher mentor for one year with possible extension;

  We welcomed: Ms Catherine Nielsen (HT English); Dr Matthew Bugeja and Ms Nirma John (Science); Mr Joes Chapman (Languages); Ms Wano (English); Mr Alex Colless (History).

  Mrs Vicki Shipley is continuing as Rel HT TAS. Following discussions at P&C and with staff last year, I have submitted a request to reclassify the HT IA position to a HT TAS, in line with the KLA and contemporary approaches to teaching and learning

  Mr Mark Tishler is about to take leave (from March 13 to end Nov). Expressions of Interest for the relieving DP position close on Monday.

  Whilst Justin Perrett is on leave, Mrs Luisa Trieu is Rel DP Curriculum and Mrs Sangeeta Hegde is filling the HT T&L Role. Mr Perry Celestino is covering the DP Curriculum role one day per week for the 3 weeks.

  I have been appointed as a 0.2 Coach which means one day per week, I will be coaching new / relieving Principals. This position is a slight change to the position I held last year and will be for the 2017 academic year. Justin will be Rel Principal one day per week and Luisa Trieu will be covering the DP role for Justin.

- **Request for P&C Rep and Ethnic Communities Rep**
  I need to have the names of the P&C and Ethnic Communities Reps for one or more Executive positions coming up during the year. The HT English position was a direct appointment which means the next position should be on merit.

- **Outstanding Academic success!!**
  Outstanding overall results at the 2016 HSC but special mention is made of Prithvi Santana-Baskar who came first in Biology and also achieved places in Chemistry and Mathematics. Prithvi has accepted an offer to study Medicine at UNSW. Talara Austin also did extremely well and will be studying at the University of Sydney.

- **Special Religious Education (SRE)**
  SRE is a legislated provision for students in public schools under the Education Act. We have been approached by a group of SRE teachers (All Christian denominations) to present SRE at MFHS. All students will be deemed to be attending unless their parent/s opt out of the program. Whilst SRE is being delivered, no lessons or other structured activities can be undertaken. Students are to do homework, private study or may read. Those opting out will be supervised by MFHS teachers. The students undertaking SRE will be supervised by the SRE teachers.
• **Annual Report**
  The Annual Report will follow last year’s format which was quite different to those of previous years. The publication date is the same as previous years and will be available on the school’s website. Hard copies will be available for parents on request. We are using new software this year, unlike last year and hopefully, we will have minimal teething problems!

• **LMBR Launch**
  The launch was held recently for our group (6) and it seems that most of the work will fall to the SAM, along with the SASS team and Principal (to a much lesser extent). There will be changes to the way the department and consequently, schools, do business, especially with regard to receiving money, paying vendors etc and where that affects parents, I will ensure up to date information is forwarded to parents as soon as it becomes known. There will be some periods of time throughout the middle of the year where our facilities for receiving money will be unavailable so I do ask for patience so we can move to the new system with minimal disruption.

• **Changing School Development Days**
  The school staff have voted to follow the same structure for professional learning as 2016. 4 X 3 hour workshops will be held from 3.30-6.30pm, one per term with the last two pupil free days taken as time in lieu. This was very successful last year and staff have elected to do the same again. Changing to this format allows us to undertake high quality professional learning and gives us more time to practice our skills and implement our learning with plenty of time for evaluation.

• **Upcoming Events:**
  o Year 7 Camp – 6-8 March
  o Luisa Trieu has been asked to present at the University of Sydney in March
  o Carol Fong and I are presenting at a Conference on Learning Spaces in May. This follows on from work done over the last couple of years in researching our spaces and work History has done in conjunction with University of Wollongong.
  o School Photos will be March 10.
  o New Program: Links to Learning to commence soon with a target group of Years 7 and 8.

2017 will be another very busy year, with evaluation of the current three year plan (2015-17) which will involve consultation with parents and community. This will occur during Terms 2 and 3. Development of the new plan (2018-20) will begin during late Term 3 – Term 4 and again, parents and community will be consulted, as will students and staff.

**DP’S REPORT:** Mark
- Year 7 Interim reports to be sent out March 6.
- Half Yearly Reports June 23.
- Compulsory attendance for the upcoming swimming carnival.
- School photos March 10.
- Complete the rewriting of the Student Welfare Policy: school aspects and curriculum.
- Trialing Parent/Teacher Interviews, June 20th Years 10,11,12; July 25th Years 7,8,9 and Year 8
- Information Evening for elective choices.
DP’S REPORT: Luisa Trieu (Relieving DP)

- A very good turnout for the Year 11 Information Evening tonight, positive feedback. Student leaders spoke to parents and will also speak at the year meetings.
- Homework Centre recommencing again on Thursday afternoons. Very worthwhile program offering help to students, with very good outcomes in student learning.
- The Year 10 Peer Literacy Tutoring Program recommencing also. Expression of interest from Year 10 students to help Year 7 students with reading. Students doing the tutoring receive a TAFE Certificate for completing the program. Students receiving help with reading are able to engage with other students while having positive learning outcomes.

Student Welfare Policy Report: Heather Costa


GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Sana spoke about how she is very happy with her son’s start to the school year, very good learning outcomes.
- Dinakar asked about recent staff changes. Jan spoke about recent changes being about normal. Also encourages leadership opportunities, some retirements.
- Dinakar spoke about his son’s positive experience at school receiving help from a senior student. His son has had a very good start to Year 7 also.
- Marianne asked about school hats at Lowes.
- New start time for P&C meeting of 6:30pm to be updated to the School Website.
- Swimming Carnival Friday 24th February. Students can arrive at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre for commencement of carnival or students can meet at school and walk to Centre with group.
- Athletics Carnival May 26th. Students can arrive at Campbelltown Sports Stadium for commencement of carnival or students can travel by bus from school. Bus travel is to be organized with school staff prior to day of the carnival.

Next P&C Meeting: 20 March 2017 at 6:30pm AGM; followed by General Meeting.