

MACQUARIE FIELDS HIGH SCHOOL



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PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 20 March 2017
MEETING OPENED: 6:55pm

VENUE: Staff Room

ATTENDANCE: Jan Dolstra, Heather Costa, Catherine Nielsen, Alan Scudder, Dinakar Prabhakar, Pam Lamba, Marianne Amos, Dan Amos.

APOLOGIES: Justin Perrett, Maria Ninopoulos, Sokka Ung

BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Bank Statements, Journal P&C Federation

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:
ANZ Bank Balance \$10,086.92

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thank you for the nominations and new office bearer's for 2017. Last year the P&C were able to help purchase furniture for the school and we look forward to helping out again this coming year. We wish Mark Tishler all the best as he takes leave. At the end of last year we saw Paul Donovan leave us with his youngest daughter finishing school. I had the pleasure of joining in with the Concert Band at this year's Ingleburn Alive Festival. It was a great day.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Jan Dolstra –

- DP, Mark Tishler has commenced LSL Prior to retirement. Mrs Heather Costa is replacing him, following a merit selection procedure.
- New complaint procedures have been introduced! Copy tabled.
- Fence to go around the open storm water drain near hall.
- HT TAS position to be filled soon, plus a History teacher.

Car Parking Issues

There have been several near misses in addition to the accident we had a few years ago, plus a Safe Work notification. Our H&S Committee has met to determine best option and have decided that we will need to block parent and student parking and add some additional signage. It is particularly dangerous in wet weather.

New signage:

- Stop sign and right turn only from visitor car park. Signage denoting no access to the tear drop area except for buses, staff and emergency vehicles.
- Liaison with the Council and Police re no stopping zone along Harold Street
- The current visitor car park to become a drop and go zone with a turnaround area to exit.
- A shelter to be constructed along the longer end of the new zone.
- Assistance and approval will be required by Assets and Council/Police for the no stopping area.
- Parents would be able to park across the road and students walk under the road via the tunnel. A crossing for students to be painted internally and a path added from drop and go zone.
- In the meantime, I have flagged new signage etc via Newsletter. The new signage will be installed soon, plus new speed signs.
- Repairs would be made to the turnaround area and a fence and gate installed for deliveries of bigger items eg for TAS.
- Most schools do not have parking except for visitors to the school.

See attached proposed map. These proposed arrangements may change following submission to Assets, Council and Police.

ACTING DP'S REPORT

Heather Costa -

- Launch Wellbeing Policy. Will be requesting Parent Form for feedback. Upcoming meeting June/July.
- Tuesday 21st March period 5 Special Religious Education.
- The Concert Band, String Ensemble and Solo performance by senior student Simon Bernardo, performed at the recent Ingleburn Alive Festival, Well done! It was a great day.
- Upcoming events - X Network Concert Band Bankstown Sports Club September 7th. Choir performance at Sydney Town Hall, application for Schools Spectacular.

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Welcome to Catherine Nielsen (HT English)

- Great opportunity to be part of Macquarie Fields High School. Many great programs, reading program and the portfolio program.
- Introducing year 7 film making program/Trop Fest

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- The position for Treasurer to be carried over to next meeting.
- Cheque signatories to be tabled at next meeting.
- Jan requested nominations for panel reps. HT TAS - Sokka Ung Ethnic Communities Rep, Marianne Amos P&C Rep. Alan Scudder Selective Schools Entry 'Appeals'. Dan Amos 'Out of Area' Applications
- Jan said the staff have elected to undertake the same format as last year for their professional learning, 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 gives more time to practice our skills and implement our learning with plenty of time for evaluation.
- Dan makes suggestion to parking proposal to put a gate at the end of car park D, and an island in the middle of car park D to create a natural turning circle.
- Alan mentioned contacting Council re assistance with film making.
- Pam enquired about HSC information. Parent information evening TBA. Also the 'School Bag' app is no longer available. New school Facebook page to go live soon.

Meeting Closed: 7:55pm

Next Meeting: 15 May 2017 at 6:30pm

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