MINUTES OF PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING
9 AUGUST 2011

Meeting Opened:  7.35pm

Present:  Emma Box, Simone Holmes, Laura Palmer, Lucy Berridge, Margo Dixon, Shalini Matthews, Mark Nicol, Angela Ransom, Janelle Tsockallos, Cameron Dick MLA

Apologies:  Tracey Laidlaw, Paula Lammey, Glenn Pereira

Minutes of Last Meeting:

- Minutes accepted from meetings held in June and July 2011.
- Meeting Agenda and Minutes can now be accessed via the Mt Carmel website. Lucy will note this in the P&F President’s contribution to the Newsletter. Parents will also be advised of this via class co-ordinator email.

Business Arising From Previous Meeting:

- Installation of the fire hydrant was delayed until after the fete.
- The location the Bycroft Oval plaque is to be mounted needs to be finalised. It was agreed that the wall behind the seating at the back of D Block would be a suitable place.

Correspondence

Inward

- An email dated 9 August 2011, from P&F Past President Leisa Campbell was read. The email contained a progress report on the Bycroft Oval development.

President’s Report

- In Glenn’s absence no formal report was presented.
- Lucy thanked Tracey Laidlaw for her enormous effort in planning and executing the fete. Feedback has been very positive especially with respect to the fete layout and use of the oval.
- Lucy passed on Glenn’s thanks for the help and support provided to him on the day of the fete.
- Lucy noted the teacher’s P&F morning tea scheduled for the following day.
• Simone asked that the co-ordinators of the Woolworths and Coles school fund raising programs, Trish Job (Woolworths) and Alison Burgess (Coles), be formally acknowledge in the P&F President’s newsletter contribution.

Treasurer’s Report

• Presented at meeting. Available on request.
• Use of money raised by the P&F, (at the fete and otherwise), to be noted as a future P&F Agenda item.
• Reasons for the Tuckshop deficit were considered and discussed. Laura noted that the continuing viability of Monday tuckshop needed to be considered. As Glenn has previously canvassed initiating a tuckshop review she proposed this decision be made on completion of this review.
• Lucy thanked Laura and Simone for their work on fete day.

Principal’s Report

Margo referred to her contribution in the school newsletter this week discussing the fete, in particular its significance as a community building activity. She also spoke about the possible uses of P&F funds and the merits of combined planning between the P&F and School Board. It was proposed a Joint Planning meeting with the School Board take place in conjunction with the October P&F Meeting (11 October 2011). This would allow the P&F time to determine spending priorities and timeframes. Margo is to confirm this date with the School Board.

General Business

Car parking at the The Crescent (Bycroft Oval Gates), in particular during school drop off and pick up was discussed. It was decided that a reminder to parents to drive carefully, being especially mindful of children entering and exiting the school at this location, would be included in the School Newsletter.

Other Business

• Lucy reported that the Telstra Kids Smart Grants have just opened. This provides a grant of up to $1200. The application requires the grant be provided for a clearly defined and costed project. Margo will talk to staff to clarify proposed projects. Another round of applications will be open in November/December if more time it required to determine a suitable project and prepare the application.
• Cameron Dick MLA provided copies of and spoke to the “Flying Start Information Pack”. This kit includes information on the Flying Start Program and the inclusion of Year 7 into High School in 2015.

Meeting Closed: 8.52 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 13, 2011