General Meeting 11 August 2015

1. **Present:** Derek Hood, Minette Patterson (recorder), Adrie Schoonens, Carolyn Satie, Lea Fairfoul-Hutcheon, Andrew Gill, Dougal Patullo, Julie Roberston, Simon Wagner, Jonathan Heron, Debbie Heron, Matthew Day

2. **Apologies:** Roland Penno, Margaret Patullo, Andrew Stewart

3. **Correspondence:**
   a. email from Parkerville Children & Youth Care
   b. WACSSO regarding conference and Membership plus New Rep for area

4. **Previous Minutes/ Business Arising:**
   a. That they be a true record of the meeting held on June 10 2015
   b. **Moved:** Carolyn – **Seconded** Minette **accepted**

   **Business Arising:** P&C Laptop is linked to the College
   Derek moved that Jonathan Heron be appointed **Vice President** Seconded Adrie - **Passed**

5. **Reports:**
   a. **President**

   **Question** - is there a problem with the communications to parents? I didn’t receive an email this time or the previous advising of the P&C nor have I received any newsletters. I have checked with Carleen and my email address is correct. I have received emails from teachers with no problem?
   **Reply**– no problem from school side. Carleen checks when things get sent out and follows up on any emails that bounce back. Parents are to let the school know if they do not get emails so it can be followed up.

   **Question** - What is being done to make sure that the poor quality of the laptops is addressed?
   **Reply** – The school has no control over what laptops they get. It goes by what deal is offered by the company regarding service etc.

   **Question** - Are any steps being made to assist year 11 maths students who like elsewhere in WA are struggling under the new curriculum?
   **Reply** – Drop in classes are being held on Wednesday and Thursday for Y11 and 12 students for extra help with Maths. Streaming the yr 10’s to do the pre application and method courses to get them ready and to offer advice.
Carolyn suggests the programs book Bunnings Sausage Sizzles now during August for next year and then if they cannot go ahead to offer them around to other programs that may be interested so we do not lose out on fundraising.

b. Treasurer: as per report

c. Canteen: See attached report
Running better but still needs to make up a bit of a shortfall to cut even.
Vehicle allowance is being paid with wages at 65c/km which is based on figures from the ATO.

School Board have a question of canteen re the price increase of sandwiches.
No problem with an increase but sandwiches have gone up by 25% from $4 to $5 – Carolyn to investigate

d. Music Committee: see attached report and financials
Motion: that Approval be given for the purchase of a new transport equipment up to the value of $5000 – Moved Julie, Seconded Minette

e. Soccer Committee: see attached minutes
Woodvale Church facilities too expensive so going to approach Kingsway?
Looking for a guest speaker.
Andrews meeting with Andrea Mitchells re Astro turf pitch: Application needs to come from the school as it is looked at from a commercial point of view. Federal funding not State.

f. Basketball Committee: see attached minutes

g. Principals Report: see attached report
Highlighted that the Chaplain has commenced work and is doing very well.

3rd inbound trip today - very rewarding but also very exhausting. They all happened in a short time frame as it is now their holidays so it suited the children very well to travel at this time. Hoping to not have so many visits in such a short space of time again.

6. General Business:
   a. School Board looking into setting up a committee for Alumni to help steer it.

   b. Question – What can be done about the weight of the year seven's back packs?
Jonathan said he had numerous bits of information he had researched that shows the damage that could be done to the spine by carrying these heavy bags. The weight of back packs should be a percentage of body weight, but this figure is far exceeded.

**Reply** – School is happy to do an audit on which year levels are using the most books and what could be eliminated. NO to extra lockers as they pose many problems e.g vandalism and huge bullying issue/area. Lea to speak to Veronica to see what else could be done. School is hoping to move as much as possible to be done on the laptops in the future.

c. **Question** – Julie asked if drawstring bags could be added to the uniform list to be used for sport uniforms

    **Reply** – Lea to approach the Board

d. **Lea** to look into how fundraising monies could get distributed e.g if parents help at a fundraising event they should benefit from monies raised not parents who have done nothing towards it. Apparently something for the school to have final say on as it has been queried (Derek Music) and its not a P&C decision

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 20 October 7.30pm in Staff Conference room

Meeting closed. 8.30

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