

Draft Minutes OLHC P&F General Meeting
5th June 2018

Attendees

Dominique O'Sullivan
Tracey Dawson
Ben Anderson
Naomi Osman
Angela Wesker
Leanne Clough
Therese Stanton
Tony Kelman-Smith
Robert Kordish
Ziming Wang

Apologies

Gabrielle Higgins
Katie Huntsdale
Mark Stanton

Opening Prayer (All)

1. Welcome (BA)

- Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Angela Wesker, seconded by Ben Anderson.
- Request for minutes to be sent out prior to meeting.

2. Principal's Report (DO)

School General:

- Year 6 leaders met with Bishop Peter Comensoli at the student leader's conference and participated in the ANZAC day memorial laying wreaths on behalf of the school.
- Sport - Kesni Hayes has arranged Badminton, Tennis and AFL for sport. Students have represented the school at the Diocesan cross-country. Nathan Thomas has made it through to the national swimming championships down in Tasmania.
- During Holy Week and Easter Stations of the Cross set up around the school by each class.
- Principal's awards presented end of Term 1.
- Many excursions have been run this term. Years 1 & 2 went to the old schoolhouse, Years 3 & 4 went to the Rocks for Ranger Pete tour and the Apple Store in Chatswood for Robotics, Years 5 & 6 went to the Chinese Gardens and Wildlife World. Trains were used to keep costs down.
- Movie night had great attendance, Mothers' day stall and breakfast were a hit with the students.
- Year 5 debating competition has been going well. Sarah Williams has been doing a great job coaching and helping the students prepare.
- Naplan was in May and there was much attention in the media surrounding Naplan, especially across the political landscape.
- Teachers have all had their FluVac.
- Preparation for the Maths Olympiad is underway, years 5 and 6 students (with some invited from year 4) who have a particular talent or interest in maths participate in this program. The ICAS competitions have also begun. They are aimed at students with a particular interest, passion or skill in Science, Maths or English.
- OLHC Feast Day. The students participated in Mass and fun activities. Ice-blocks were enjoyed by all.
- Vinnies winter appeal has begun.

- Lunch bunch program has begun for the year. This program is run by Mary-Ellen Kinna and is a social program aimed at helping students where there may be difficulties or disconnect among peers and build resilience.
- 3 yearly audit documents are currently being updated and prepared.

Curriculum:

- Natalie Precious, Sarah Williams and Dominique O’Sullivan attended the STEM conference.
- Robotics. Last year there was a robotics club. This year the idea was to spread robotics out across the whole school. K-2 participate in Scratch Junior coding program. Years 3 & 4 use Edison Robots to further develop their STEM skills. Years 5 & 6 use Lego Minestorms EV3 Robotics kits to build and program and look at applications in the real world. There are various models of these kits, the students can build following a plan or design their own. P&F bought these kits for the school.
- New science syllabus is out for NSW, the school will begin teaching it next year.
- Teachers have completed their Action Research Projects, one project looked at Cultures of Thinking, the other STEM. Staff have begun implementing this in the classroom.

Parish Development Plan:

- Relocation site announced in Term 1. Parents participated in tours of St Agatha’s school earlier in Term 2. Positive feedback was received about the site.
- Dominique and Peter Hamill have had several meetings with the before and after school care parent management committee and centre staff. It is acknowledged that this is one of the key issues along with logistical considerations for parents.
- There were only 7 responses that came in from the parent questionnaire that was sent out. *(A couple of attendees expressed disappointment in the lack of response, others explained their point of view in that they felt they had already presented the issues or difficulties they had or they did not have any other than the main ones that were already being addressed. There was discussion surrounding other ways to gain parent feedback, keeping the feedback coming in and was there a way to simplify the data gathering or dissemination of information to families e.g. online survey, personal conversations etc.)*
- Once Dominique has had a chance to review the responses that came in a Q&A information sheet will be distributed to families.
- There is another parish forum coming up looking at DA etc. and a Parish-Stockland joint community information stall 19th June in hall.

School Advisory Group:

- As a result of various federal government requirements the Broken Bay Diocese has asked that each school set up a school advisory group.
- These groups are to be set up by the end of 2018.
- The purpose of this advisory group will be to provide advice or different perspectives to the School’s leadership team regarding the school’s core work of student wellbeing and learning.
- Decisions will rest solely with the school leadership team and not the advisory group.
- In smaller schools the P&F Exec team will take on this role. It is something that within our school has already been happening informally for many years. This will be the case at OLHC, will be called the **OLHC School Advisory Group (Incorporating the P&F Executive)** effective from Term 3.
- The group will represent the whole community without bias.

President's Report (BA)

- The movie night and Mother's day breakfast were both huge successes thanks to the work of Mark Stanton. Movie night had 150+ attendees and 181 people attended the Mother's day breakfast.
- Both events are aimed at bringing the community together rather than fundraising but both made profits.
- Betty Ockerlander is back in for the markets this year. Market preparation is ramping up.
- Request from some parents regarding sports wear when representing the school at Cluster/Diocesan Cross Country or Carnivals. It's been noted that other schools have athletic gear rather than their sports uniform. P&F asked to consider sponsoring this initiative. On behalf of the P&F, Ben will investigate prices surrounding these as a possibility for future carnivals. Request was made that if we go ahead with these, the tops should not be white!

Treasurer's Report (AW)

- Canteen continues to be going well.
- No major outlays, just general payments. The balance of funds to be transferred to the school will be completed in term 3.
- Current financial position

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| General Account | \$14,613.57 |
| Canteen Account | \$10,438.18 |
| Clothing Account | \$ 1,994.34 |
| Market Account | \$32,555.58 |
- Social event: Edwina Anderson has been in contact with Kindy Dad Stuart from the Epping Hotel regarding holding a parents social evening at the Epping Hotel. Stuart has suggested a possible date to tie in with an ABBA tribute band of 13th October. As the 13th October is the last weekend of the holidays the general preference was to move away from this date, it was felt that numbers might be reduced due to people getting back from holidays, trying to get ready for the new term etc. Edwina and Ange will look at other date possibilities with Stuart.

CSP Report (NO)

- Earlier this term Naomi attended the North Shore Cluster CSP meeting.
- The Broken Bay CSP has an initiative going in that each cluster will have \$7000 to put towards something aimed at parent/family engagement.
- The North Shore cluster are looking at holding some sort of event. Ideas that were considered were e.g. getting someone like Turia Pitt to speak at an event or holding a mini conference/workshop.
- Work in progress, still considering ideas.

Canteen Report (TS)

- Continues to go well.
- Inductions have been completed, now just done on an as needs basis when new parents volunteer.
- We're due for an inspection from Parramatta Council. They were due out around 25th May but it has been postponed. Usually spot inspections so don't know when they will be coming out.

Meeting closed 9:30 pm.

