

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
FAMILY CONNECT  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – 15 JUNE 2021**

**Meeting opened 5.20pm**

**Attendance:** Janine Papamichael, Paul De Boom, Joanne Atkinson, Robert Atkinson, Craig Blackburn, Irene Blackburn, Kristina Cannon, Lisa Galvin, Alison Krause, Wayne Wood, Cathy Zeiger, Peter Hume, Michael Papamichael and Renee Grima.

**Apologies:** Carola Price, Andrew McLean, Jason Miller and Marina Dunstan.

**Acknowledgement of Country – Paul De Boom**

**Reflection – Paul De Boom**

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Moved by Kristina Cannon and seconded by Peter Hume that the previous minutes be accepted as read. Motion passed.

**Business arising from previous minutes:**

- **Open Night** – Acknowledged and thanked committee members for assisting on the night.
- **Social Cycle Grant** – Andrew McLean notified committee that he had applied for a \$2500 grant through Catholic School Parents Queensland (CSPQ) to assist the Social Cycle group becoming viable.
- **Travel Assistance/Grant Sponsorship Policy** – Received no input from members, have decided that the policy be discussed by interested committee members at a separate meeting, at a date and time to be advised.

**Correspondence:**

- **NQ All School Touch Teams Funding Application** – An application seeking funding was received to support the NQ All School Touch teams. Moved by Janine Papamichael and seconded by Kristina Cannon that Family Connect financially assist with a \$2500 sponsorship. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Kristina Cannon presented Treasurer's report. Moved by Janine Papamichael and seconded by Bob Atkinson that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

**Principal's Report:**

Wayne Wood presented his Principals Report to the meeting including his appointment as Acting Director of School Effectiveness for Semester 2, the sad passing of ex SMCC student Joey Kearsley over the weekend – funeral next Tuesday at Cazalys, reviewed comparisons of Naplan results, Jean Hay award for St Mary's Day, Immersion Day, reviewing student attendance processes, pastoral priorities, HOB completion delay and Kristy Goodwin presentations for students and parents.

The committee agreed that we financially support Kristy Goodwin presentations/workshops, to be held on Thursday 26 August, to optimise students' and educators' physical health, mental wellbeing and learning in a digital environment, costing will be \$2200 for (2) students' workshops and \$2500 for parent workshop. Moved by Renee Grima and seconded by Janine Papamichael. Motion passed.

### **Cathy's Council Corner:**

- Cairns Climate Strategy 2030 – calling on community by completing an online survey or sharing their views at Cairns Ecofiesta.
- Esplanade work is now complete – Opening celebration on Sunday 27 June, all day.
- Athletes Grant Opportunities available provided to SMCC.
- White Rock Rocks! – free community day - Saturday 26 June at Reys Park.

More details about any of the above will be emailed.

- St Gerard Majella Fete – Saturday 19 June – 3.00pm – 8.00pm, please support.

It was mentioned that the adjustment to the traffic lights at the intersection of George Cannon Drive and Anderson Road has made a huge difference in the flow of traffic. Still some issues with the delay at the crossing near Coconut Resort when students are not crossing in groups but singularly.

### **General Business:**

- **Year 12 Graduation Gifts** – Janine Papamichael sought approval to proceed with the quotes and purchase of the tumblers as a gift from Family Connect. Moved by Craig Blackburn and seconded by Bob Atkinson, that this be approved. Motion passed. Janine will follow up that there may have been an issue with leakage with some of the tumblers from 2020.
- **Family Connect Shirts** – Janine Papamichael reported that she has rectified the issue with the words printed on the underneath of the collar of the shirts and all shirts have the words “Faith, Hope and Love” printed on the correct side. Will ensure with supplier that when additional orders are placed that this does not reoccur.
- **Arts Showcase** – to be held on the 21 August, more information will follow.
- **2021 Graduation**- will be held at the Convention Centre.
- **Application for Family Connect Funding Policy** – aimed at supporting students who are representing the College.
- **Immersion 2021** - Invitation to committee members – Tuesday 27 July, 11.00am – 3.30pm at Green Leaf Café – RSVP to [principal@smcc.qld.edu.au](mailto:principal@smcc.qld.edu.au) by Monday 19 July.
- **Adjusted Family Connect Dates** – please see below changes to dates.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting/Workshop</b>
July	20 July	General Meeting
July	27 July	Annual Immersion Day
August	17 August	General Meeting
August	26 August	Kristy Goodwin - Parent Session
September	14 September	Writing Session – Parent Session
October	19 October	General Meeting
November	16 November	AGM/General Meeting
November	23 November	Combined Family Connect & College Board Christmas Dinner

Next General Meeting will be held on the Tuesday 20 July 2021.

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Secretary: Janine Papamichael