

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
FAMILY CONNECT
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
16 August 2022**

Meeting opened 5:20pm.

Attendance: Wayne Wood, Paul De Boom, Janine Papamichael, Bob Atkinson, Jo Atkinson, Michael Papamichael, Kristina Cannon, Lisa Doherty, Craig Blackburn, Jenny Coates, James Roberts

Apologies: Cathy Zeiger, Candace McNamara

Acknowledgement of Country – Paul De Boom

Reflection – Paul De Boom

Minutes of previous meeting:

Moved by Jo Atkinson and seconded by Craig Blackburn that the previous minutes be accepted as read. Motion passed.

Business arising from previous minutes:

- **Dr Kristy Goodwin Workshops** – These parent/student workshops will be hosted by SMCC Family Connect, which includes an invitation to other schools. The total cost of these workshops which will include catering for the parent night, still to be finalised. Moved by Janine Papamichael and seconded by Paul De Boom that the additional costs be approved for payment. Motion passed.

As Family Connect are hosting the parent evening on Thursday 8 September, it was asked if members were available on that day; could they provide assistance and arrive earlier, between 4:00-4:30pm. Family Connect shirts should be worn if members have one. Parent session will run from 6:00-7:30pm, please ensure you register for this event.

Correspondence:

- **Family Connect Travel Assistance/Grant Sponsorship Policy** – Application received for Vicki Wilson State Netball Championships being held in Brisbane with 11 students attending. Executive committee approved this application prior to this meeting, approving \$2200.
- **Family Connect Travel Assistance/Grant Sponsorship Policy** – Application received from Missio Dei group for 8 students to attend Ignite Conference being held in Brisbane. Executive committee approved this application prior to this meeting. Student numbers now confirmed at 8, total sponsorship approved \$1600.

Moved by Craig Blackburn and seconded by Bob Atkinson that the above applications for financial assistance be approved. Motion passed.

Diocesan Feedback: Minutes from previous meeting will be circulated.

Treasurer's Report:

Kristina Cannon presented Treasurer's report, Family Connect. Moved by Janine Papamichael and seconded by Craig Blackburn that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

Family Connect is in a healthy financial position and members asked Wayne Wood if there were opportunities to provide financial assistance. The upgrade of the bike storage area has previously been

discussed at Family Connect meetings and all members were in agreement that this would be beneficial for students. New bike racks/scooter racks could also be part of this upgrade.

Another suggestion was to upgrade the green space area near the HOB, to include seating and possibly an outdoor learning area.

Wayne Wood will provide scope/conceptual plans/costing for both of these items to Family Connect to discuss proposals and financial approval further.

Principal's Report:

The Principals Report included information about the Term 3 Challenges – staffing, mask wearing and event schedules; HOB Redevelopment Unveiling and Blessing; Social Emotional Learning (SEL); Building Master Plan – next steps, need to commence process to cater for lead times; Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans; Timetable “rebuild”; Year 7 Retreat; Senior Internal Assessment 3 (IA3); Parent Portal App; Mobile Phone Policy Review.

There was some miscommunication with regard to who was invited from Family Connect to the recent Immersion Day. Wayne Wood advised that all Family Connect participants are always welcome to attend.

Board Feedback: Board meeting next week.

Cathy's Council Corner:

Cathy was unavailable but provided the following information:

- Traffic lights at Rigg/Windarra Streets are now completed except for the Ergon pole in Rigg Street which will be removed once all the lighting in the area is complete. Entry to Jeff Pezzutti Park is looking good. A few glitches along the way, any feedback for improvement is appreciated.
- Cairns Festival (celebrating 60 years) is currently on – runs from 3 August until 10 September, lots of activities and events (attached a timetable from the booklet provided).
- Free Green Waste Disposal will be available from 20 – 28 August.

General Business:

- **Reimaging Family Connect** – Part 1 of discussions conducted at this meeting, looking at the role and purpose of Family Connect and how it contributes to the students' experience at SMCC. Hopefully for Part 2 discussions there will be more parent/carers representatives available which will provide a wider cross-section of views and ideas towards the future role of Family Connect.

Month	Date	Meeting/Workshop
September	8 September	Dr Kristy Goodwin – Raising Screenagers Parent Presentation 6.00pm – 7.30pm
September	13 September	Part 2 – Reimaging Family Connect
October	18 October	General Meeting
November	15 November	AGM/General Meeting
	22 November	Christmas Dinner

Meeting closed at 7:12 pm.

Next meeting will be Part 2 of the Reimaging discussion: 13 September 2022.

Secretary: Janine Papamichael