

Minutes of Bethany P&F Meeting held 10 February 2014

This Meeting:

Date: Monday 10 February 2014
Time: 7:13pm – 8:19pm
Location: Bethany College

Next Meeting:

Date: Monday 12 May 2014
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Bethany College

Attendees:

Vicki Lavorato, Jacinta Russo, Gregg Conroy, Rachele Malouf, Kelly Efremidis, Ann Stubley, Janet Napier, Debbie Jacobson, Dominique Grady, Karen Cotogno-Young, Kathy Finch, Sogna Carlucci, Robert Scagliotti, Michael Hollis, Louise Robinson, Arnold Lewis, Les Salisbury, Jodie Hughes, Carolyn McDonnell, Maria Moss, Valerie Pemberson, Falamina Najem, Angela Chiandotto, Cate Joseph, Martha Hudson, Deanne Conway, Vesna Mihaljevic, Tanya Moody, Sonia Bennett, Val Todoroski

Item	Discussion	Action & Responsibility
1. Welcome & Opening Prayer	Vesna opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first P&F meeting for 2014. Vicki led with a prayer.	Vesna Vicki
2. Apologies	Frank Tawil	Vesna
3. Minutes of last meeting	Vesna requested the minutes from the last meeting be read and proposed the previous minutes be accepted. Moved: Carolyn McDonnell Seconded: Sonia Bennett The previous minutes were accepted.	Vesna
4. Actions from previous minutes	Year 12 Common Room – a room has been allocated to Year 12 in the library as their previous common room has been converted to an arts centre.	Vicki
5. Principal's Report	School year began with 978 students. Many more on waiting lists and student numbers are rising in the area at all the local catholic schools. Improvements / changes over vacation break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waratah Laneway fencing and lighting upgrades • Carpets in all rooms have been cleaned during the break • Demountables fitted out with ICT and air conditioning equipment • Careers centre has been relocated to the Marian Building for easier access by year 10 – 12 students • Study space for Year 12 has been relocated to Library • Common room is now an arts centre. Changes to Leadership team and middle management structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Principal – Jacinta Russo • Leader of Teaching Admin – Mandi Brooker • Leader of Pedagogy – Kevin Carragher • HSIE Co-ordinator – Laura Rizzo • Year 7 Co-ordinator – Katrine Barnes Communication with Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent portal • Myediary (coming soon) • Skoolbag • New school website coming soon 	Vicki

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freely available Study Skills resources (check newsletter for login details). <p>Fundraising – 22 August 2014 Ideas to be presented at next meeting. Last three years we have had bingo nights. Maybe do trivia night again or family movie night. Fundraising funds to go towards shade structures over Penola Building for students. Bethany in Action – 3 – 6pm on Tuesday 11 March - volunteers needed. Email to be sent around asking for available times for the event.</p> <p>Q&A with Leader of Learning – Mr G Conroy All the questions were answered during the course of the meeting.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	Treasurer's Report was unavailable. The outgoing Treasurer is in the process of finalising and getting the 2013 calendar accounts audited. Balance as at February 2014 – TBA	Sonia
7. General Business	<p>Newsletters – It was suggested the newsletter be sent to the students to encourage them to read the paper also. Vicki said it was available to all students. Suggestions to password protect the newsletter in order to keep confidential information with student names not available to the public. Vicki said the new school website has the ability to achieve this and will be working with the IT division to address privacy concerns.</p> <p>Uniform Ordering – online ordering does not provide a payment option or confirmation. Orders have not been called through to parents for collection. Vicki to investigate further.</p> <p>Sports Selection – Issues with system earlier this term. Sports selection has been limited to the same kids each year. Keiran Staples (Sports Co-ordinator) is looking at the variety of sports selection available to the students. Year 10 students to be checked as they seem to be the year which has had problems with their sports selection through the system.</p> <p>Fitness Club – due to return this year. No confirmation available yet in terms of the days or times it will be held this term.</p> <p>Laptops – year 9 student having problems with programs not loading onto her laptop. Works well at home through home computer but not laptop connections. Vicki to investigate student problem. Year 10 received their new laptops through the rollout last week. All old laptops have been handed in and students were presented with a new laptop which they will keep until end of year 12.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.19pm.</p> <p>Next Meeting - Monday, 12 May 2014 at 7.00pm</p>	All