MSCW Parents and Friends Association

Minutes of General Meeting, August 23rd 2011

Present: Belinda Paslis, Rosalia Foley, Judy Pointing, Linda Der, Kathleen Badolato, Christina Trimble, Daniela Sigglekow, Cathy Schiller, Mary-Lou Peachey.

Apologies: Anne Quill

Minutes of previous meeting
The amended minutes of the previous meeting, May 10th 2011, were moved and seconded.
Moved: Daniela Sigglekow Seconded: Rosalia Foley

Business arising from minutes

1. Canteen
Christina Trimble advised that following the school’s call for tenders to operate the school canteen, there was nothing to report at this time.

2. 2011 Fundraising
The P & F will be holding a Trivia Night at the Villa Maria parish hall on the 22nd October to raise funds for new lockers for the students. Daniela reported that she has booked the Trivia host and sent emails to those who have sponsored and donated prizes at previous trivia nights.
The girls will be asked to bring in items to be used to make up hampers with different themes e.g. Christmas, Gourmet, Gardening etc, for the silent auction on the night. Each girl will also be asked to bring in a $2 scratchie to make up a Money Tree for the silent auction. This is a way for all families to contribute to the fundraising effort. To encourage the girls to participate, the ‘House’ that brings in the most items, will be the first to receive the new lockers.
A safe will be purchased by the P & F before the Trivia Night. We need one with a mail slot in the top and Kathleen will make inquiries as to where St Charles bought their safe.

3. Building Update
Christina reported that the builders had moved in 3 weeks ago. Congestion of movement by the students around the school has been a problem, which unfortunately, can’t be avoided. The builders have been aware of safety issues and are trying to keep noise to a minimum.

4. AMSA Netball Carnival
Kathleen Badolato reported that the school’s hosting of the netball carnival in June was a great success. Thanks to those members of the school community who helped with billeting and transporting the visiting team players and also to those who helped with fundraising which meant that the school was not out of pocket.
Correspondence

Eden Gardens are hosting a morning tea with Fr Chris Riley from Youth off the Streets and have invited students from MSCW to go along to meet Fr Chris. Christina said that they would look into a few of the girls attending.

Principal’s Report

Treasurer’s Report

- **Opening Balance** after last meeting - $10,315
- **Donation towards new lockers** - $6,000
- **Closing Balance** as at 30.06.11 $4,506

It was agreed that another $3000 would be donated towards new lockers by the P & F, and a cheque was presented at the close of the meeting.

President’s Report

Cathy reported that she had made inquiries about organizations willing to talk to parents on topics relevant to raising teenagers, however, due to the cost involved vs the level of parent interest shown at similar events in the past, it doesn’t seem viable.

Cathy asked if the school had given further consideration to changing the textbook supplier from Campion to Better Books in Gladesville, who have generously supported our fundraising efforts over the last 3 years. Better Books stock all MSCW textbooks and are willing to match whatever arrangements are in place with Campion. Cathy suggested that being local, it would be more convenient for parents to collect the books during the holidays, as opposed to the current arrangement where the books are delivered to the school and the girls have to carry them home at the start of the term.

Christina advised that there would be no change at this stage, as she believes that Campion are best able to meet the school’s requirements, including the changes to online texts.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Next meeting and AGM to be held Tuesday 25th October