



Pymble Ladies' College Middle School Parent Group (MSPG) Minutes

Meeting: Middle School Parent Group

Date: Tuesday 28 March 2017

Time: 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Location: Middle School Learning Studio

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mark Hilton, Stacey Solness, Wendy Miller-Goh, Nelly Khatibi-Zahedi, Tanaz Wardin, Lucie Johnson, Lesley Hunt, Jenny Wang, Roopa Mehta, Raj Narayan, Jane Stewart, Kerry Horns, Emma Barton, Shiyang Zhou, Murali Sagi, Bernadette de Lorenzo, Donna Glenn, Michael Wood, Amanda Koster, Jennifer Taylor, Moya Yip, Melissa Hogan, Li-Enn Koo, Yew-Ming Lau, Fiona Onikul, Teresa Lee, Sharon Rogers, Belinda Bahari, Frannie Wu, Lydia Vitalis, Amanda Gillis, Louise Waland, Margaret Heppell, Helena Liu, Shelly Zheng, Jill Hudson, Ganga Jayasekara, Kirsty O'Neil-Massaró, Monika Mehta, Nina Zhao, Lilian Ariston, Susanne Verdál-Austin, Simone Brian, Monique Law, Ellen Xue, Fiona van Horen, Jackie Thomas-Piccardi.

By invitation: Amie Long, Mclaine Parsons, Tammy Rees-Davies, Justin Raymond, Kate Nolan.

Apologies: Andrew Dutkiewicz, Stephanie Tan, Michelle Braysich, Helen Jarvis.

1.0 WELCOME BY GROUP LEADER

Priscilla opened the Meeting by introducing herself as the MSPG Group Leader and welcoming all parents.

2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Previous minutes were accepted by Fiona Onikul and seconded by Raj Narayan.

3.0 INTRODUCTION OF 2017 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Priscilla introduced the 2017 Committee Members:

Treasurer: Stephanie Tan

Record Keeper: Sharon Rogers

Year 8 Co-ordinators: Jane Stewart, Vanessa Middleton

Year 7 Co-ordinator: Fiona Onikul

Care and Support Years 7 and 8: Rhondda Shaw

4.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

Priscilla gave an overview of upcoming MSPG activities:

Year 7 Morning Tea

Year 8 Morning Tea
Mother Daughter Breakfast
Father Daughter Breakfast

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Priscilla gave a financial report in Stephanie's absence, reporting a bank balance of more than \$5,000. Anticipated income is from the year groups' Morning Teas – expenses should be about equal to the income from these functions. Fundraising (not yet defined) will be undertaken later in the year. Priscilla then discussed some housekeeping items, including urging parents to read the newsletter for event dates and updates. Priscilla also discussed opt-in arrangements for parent contact lists on the portal and distributed printed instructions, while noting that instructions will be linked in the newsletter.

6.0 UPDATE FROM CO-CAPTAINS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Amie Long and McLaine Parsons identified The Smith Family as the College's charity focus for 2017. They noted that there is a Smith Family clothing bin located in the Kelso Staff Car Park – this bin accepts clothes and accessories that are in good condition and not heavily branded. Amie and McLaine mentioned last year's fashion parade fundraiser which yielded 12 tonnes of textile donations. Amie and McLaine also spoke about a student-to-student initiative where *Pymble* students can communicate with children from other schools (who are up to three years behind in learning) in order to encourage and facilitate their learning.

7.0 PYMBLE PARENT ASSOCIATION (PPA) UPCOMING EVENTS

Priscilla reiterated Andrew's apology. The first PPA meeting for the year is tomorrow night, Wednesday 29 March, and there will be a presentation by Glen Gerreyn on positive parenting. The Cultural Community Network (CCN) luncheon will be held next term with invitations coming out shortly. The information will be in the newsletter

8.0 INTRODUCTION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Head of Middle School Tammy Rees-Davies introduced the Middle School team and also discussed the management structure of the Middle School. Tammy spoke of the role of Connect teachers, and about developing students' sense of challenge through positive risk-taking in learning, socialisation and Co-curricular activities.

9.0 PRESENTATION BY DEAN OF CURRICULUM INNOVATION

Justin Raymond was introduced and spoke on the subject of "Online Feedback Through Edumate". Justin spoke primarily about changes to the online reporting process. [Click here to see Justin's presentation.](#)

10.0 PRESENTATION BY DEPUTY HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL (LEARNING)

Kate Nolan was introduced and spoke on the subject of "What Does Learning Look Like, Feel Like and Sound Like in the Middle School?". Kate initially discussed how English is assessed and showed examples of marking rubrics. She also discussed how marking scales in rubrics are applied. [Click here to see Kate's presentation.](#)

There was limited time for questions from the floor as Year 7 parents were going on to a study skills presentation.

11.0 MEETING CLOSE

Priscilla thanked all speakers and parents for their attendance and the Meeting was closed at 7.00pm.