St Columba’s Memorial School P&F Minutes
May 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Kath Slade at 9:15am

In attendance
Todd Murfitt, Michelle Anderson, Michelle Thompson, Michelle Dodd, Lorrain Goldy, Kath Slade, Miriam Honner

Approval of Minutes
Last meetings minutes were not passed as there was no copy available. Kym Smith had issues with her computer.

Agenda
- Lunch orders. All going well. About $60 a week on orders. It’s very easy to do and helpers for Miriam may not be required. It is good to get as many people to have a turn though in case Miriam is away. Discussion of adding any other types of food to the menu was brought up, but to leave things as simple as possible for now it was decided to leave it as is for this term and add extra items next term.

- This also brought up the issue of money and who was supposed to be counting the money and Miriam made the P&F aware that Margie Rachwal is NOT the treasurer and we will need our own. Michelle Anderson nominated Miriam, Michelle Dodd secondee, Miriam accepted.

- Quiz night. As we all know it was cancelled due to lack of numbers. Should we try again? Michelle Dodd requested to read out a text message from Suzie Harvey. Suzie expressed that she does not want to try for the auction again. She is stepping back from the P&F to concentrate on her family. Michelle D and Lorraine agreed with Suzie, both passionately against doing a quiz night or auction. Miriam mentioned the timing of year and maybe spring time would be best, but they both said that it still wouldn’t work. It's the same families supporting the extra activities. Kath then read out a letter she had prepared to hopefully go out with the school newsletter to try and get other parents involved. Hopefully to get parents to find a way to get involved that best suited them. Lorraine mentioned donating ingredients for baked goods if they can’t bake.

Decision on quiz night – No. Concerns that if it didn’t work this time it won’t work another time. Mention of an Online Auction, should we try it. Todd said it's definitely worth a try. Set it up Via facebook and get lots of people to share and advertise. What items would be available to Auction from the failed Auction night. Lorraine said they hadn’t actually received any of the big items, it was just word of mouth so these are not available. Bistro set is available and some boxed items that Lorraine has although she said she doesn’t know what’s in them.

Decided to put a reserve on them. The idea of keeping the bidding anonymous was brought up and if we could do this and it was decided that to place a bid you would personal message the St Columba’s facebook page to give a bid and then this amount would be published under the item, but the bidder would remain anonymous. Michelle Anderson agreed to be in charge of it. Lorraine will drop off items to the school. Kath will help to organize items and auction too.

- Michelle Dodd mentioned doing another Garage sale saying that it was very popular and people down the street are asking if we will be doing another one. Get the school involved, kids to sell show bags, lucky dips, face painting, sausage sizzle, coffee, art etc. Decided to discuss further at next meeting.

- Miriam has been looking into the school doing a funrun to raise money whereby kids go out and find sponsors. Todd said that the school is already involved in the Jump Rope 4 Heart.

- UNIFORMS – Ordered polo fleece in bulk as it was being discontinued. Only 12 size 6 left. Need an alternative supplier when this runs out. Rugby tops? Fade, stretch, shrink and are expensive. Todd said
to not change the uniform AGAIN. We only just changed the jumper and it becomes to expensive and confusing for parents. All agreed. Gay showed a similar style fleece and unanimous to go with it. Michelle Thompson asked whether kids can were navy long sleeved tops under their school tops. Todd said no problems as long as navy.

Principal’s Report
Lots of great recognition for our teachers and the school. The kitchen garden and the work on sustainability is excellent and being well received by the kids and community. Todd installed a speaker system for the teachers as there were issues with the children not hearing from a lot of external noise. It also helps the teachers not having to yell. Enrollments up to 69 which is really great with new enrolments looking promising. Annette D received the Tom Ffrench award for the kitchen garden and Aquaculture area. Lots happening in these areas.
Kath took the opportunity to congratulate Todd on his Award. Everyone in agreement that it is a very well deserved award.
School is getting some good light and hoping to keep a positive reputation within the community.

New Business
• Trading Table – Michelle A available to help, as is Kath and Miriam. Lorraine may help.
• Fundraiser – recycling mobile phones. Have a box for people to put in their old phones. Maybe some posters down at Foodland to let other people know. Michelle A has said she’ll get onto it.
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Committee Reports
Treasurer’s Report
We have only made $447.17 profit so far this year, which is not much. Lots of uniform pre-purchased. About $10000 worth sitting in the cupboards. Some good affiliation donations, which are needed and a lot of our awards and grants we would not have got had the school not been affiliated with the P&F. Pie grant will come in and Kath hoping to maybe do a kids breakfast this year with it. Trading table and the sausage sizzles we have done at things like sports day are our biggest earners.

Next Meeting
Not decided.
Motion to adjourn was made at 10:30 and was passed unanimously.