



PULTENEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Parents & Friends
At the heart of the school

Meeting Record

MINUTES P&F General Meeting Monday Sept 11th, 2023

Meeting commenced: 7:30pm

Committee member attendees: Sue Loftes (SL), Brenton Milewski (BM), Lyn Heard (LH), Katie Altamura (KA), Meg Oates (MO), Wendy Tait (WT), Melody Cafflin (MC), Sarah Wu (SW), April Millar (AM), Kate Rowan (KR), Sophia Dellis (SD), Kirsty Stewart (KS)

Non committee member attendees:

Peter Neuhaus, Mel Turner, Lauren Dimas, Leanne McClurg, Adam Sims, Peter Stephenson, Tania Mavragelos, Shane Caveney, Catherine Hunter, Suzanna MacLennan, Caroline Sage, Ali Blake, Chris Diamond, Jacqui Bullock, Ben White, Jenny Do, Craig Glasson, Ruth Holmes, Ying Ying, Jai Jia Cui, Carmel Zhong, Tanya McNamara, Trinity McNamara, Michael Holmes, Marni Mead, Mark Perkins, Asst Principal Deb Dalwood, Principal Cameron Bacholer, Stephen Kennedy, Lisa Allison, Sally Fonovic, Andrew Heard, Julia Hodge, Kathleen Karagiannis, Vicki Garas, Mark Butcher, Adrian O’Dea, Lenni O’Dea, Sarah Anderson, Maria Segredos, Ada Cheung, Jackie Totman, Mark Bouchier

Meeting Guests:

David Reynolds (DR), Megan Mathews (MM), Paul Flynn (PF)

Apologies: Nikki Zhang (NZ)

1. Welcome – Sue Loftes, President P&F.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting held on 7/8/23:

Tabled as circulated

3. Correspondence:

- Nil in or out
- Question asked from the floor re the correspondence sent to the board by Brenton Milewski. BM explained that the letter was not from the P&F



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committee, but a private letter signed by him on behalf individuals who are parents & friends of the Pulteney Community. This was acknowledged by David Reynolds, Chair of the Pulteney Board of Governors.

4. Treasurers Report:

- Credit Union SA will be the new banking facility for the P&F
- \$53,300 current balance.
- There are a number of payments yet to be made for Father's Day reimbursements.

5. Father's Day Breakfast

- BM gave a summary of the event. Guest speaker Ian Steel gave a heartfelt presentation on why he founded the Kickstart for Kids charity in 2011, which has now gone on to support children in over 300 schools in the metropolitan and country areas through a range of programs.

The P&F will be donating \$500 to the Kickstart for Kids program.

<https://kickstartforkids.com.au/about-us/>

6. Father' Day Stall

- Stall gift lines all but sold out
- Takings from the stall - \$5,500
- Thank you to Gazman for the donation of 100 pairs of their charity socks for the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia. The P&F will be making a donation to the PCFA from part proceeds of the gift stall (amount to be determined when financial outcome of this event is finalised).

7. Long Lunch

- Postponed until Term 1 2024
- To be held in the Gym as a welcome back event.
- The school will host a farewell dinner event at Jarmers for Year 12 parents, date TBC

8. POSA Golf Day

- 16 teams booked
- Looking for volunteers to help with BBQ and drinks cart.



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9. David Reynolds (DR) representing the PGS Board of Governors:

- DR spoke to the meeting re the circumstances and timelines involving the discussions the board was having regarding the Principal, Cameron Bacholer, and the implementation of an independent survey via VUCA, circulated to the whole school community.
- DR detailed the VUCA program – timeline and process.
 - Survey responses close Friday Sept 15
 - Report due Sept 24 / 25, 2023
 - Followed by a series of board meetings
 - DR advised that a communication would be issued to the school community re the outcomes by mid October, before Term 4 commences.
- DR urged the school to unite on what will make the school stronger rather than divide the school.
- Several questions were taken from the floor by DR and members of the board on a range of matters involving the boards discussions regarding the Principal, school governance and the recent media attention following the emergence of the petition that had been circulated.

10. School Uniform update:

- Deb Dalwood presented the meeting with an update on uniforms, including the background reasons for changing, the input of various stakeholders, the outcomes and the new range of items.
- Samples were on display for parent review.
- Questions were taken from the floor.
- Deb is to follow up some information where required.

11. Parent night out events:

- Kathleen Karagiannis gave a brief update on the range of school events she has organised. Some are parent only events for each year level while others are family events for the ELC and Junior School community.
- Included as part of the information distributed was a call for parents to become parent reps and from this a large number of parents have come forward offering to be class or year level P&F parent reps. The compiled list has been forwarded to the P&F.
- KK invited the P&F be involved in the various scheduled events across most of the junior levels in the coming months, starting off with the ELC, Rec and Year



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1 Hahndorf Farm Barn event and suggested the P&F could hold a BBQ.
Reminder for any volunteers at school events, a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required.

- Vote of thanks to KK for her outstanding efforts in arranging events which are greatly appreciated.

12. Any other Business:

Question asked of Principal Cameron Bachelor re the progress of the appointment of a new Chaplain. He advised the meeting the process was underway.

Meeting closed – 9.05pm

Next meeting – Monday, Oct 16th, 7.30pm.