ALL SAINTS’ COLLEGE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2010

The Venue Cafe

Time commenced: 8.30am


Apologies: Maree Crofts, Heather Cozens, Mel Geyer.

Correspondence Out:
· Email from John Morris to Mr Chris Jackman re: Update to status of Junior School Vegetable Gardens

Correspondence In:
· Email from Dr. Peter Miller re: Refusal of application to reuse existing hardware at rear of school for Junior School Vegetable Gardens project.
· Quotations received from Burke’s Building Supplies, Greg Bayliss and Bathurst Concrete Products

Business Arising from P&F Meeting 9 February 2010:

Motion from P&F Meeting 090210: “That the P&F give up to $4000.00 for Junior School Vegetable Gardens. That the allocation of funds be at the discretion of the P&F executive upon the receipt of the second quotation.”

Moved: Min McClelland Seconded: Tina Webber Carried

General discussion summarised from all members present concerning our discretion to allocate funds:
· Concerns about interest in the maintenance and the garden’s utilisation failing in the future
· Do all the teachers support the project and are they able to allocate the required time for upkeep etc.
· Maintenance during times of holidays and work required after extend absence from school – all 4 beds.
· Understand sense of urgency but without adequate fencing concerns about the project being used
· Possibility of utilising other products like railway sleepers for example to minimise cost
· On-going costs associated with running the project, like seeds, fertilisers etc.
· Material and physical size of the individual gardens being user friendly & safe for the age of students
· Were all P&F members at last meeting briefed adequately to enable decision
· Concern that this project could end up like other gardens at back of school – these gardens more viewable
· How do they fit in to the ‘big picture’ with rain water tanks, fencing, car park – plan available?
· General lack of detail to determine viability of funds allocation
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The executive voted on: our discretion to allocate the funds requested as per the motion:
“That the P&F give up to $4000.00 for Junior School Vegetable Gardens. That the allocation of funds be at the discretion of the P&F executive upon the receipt of the second quotation.”

In Favour: 0 Against: 4 Abstained: 2 Motion defeated

The Executive want all interested parties to realise that the project in principal as presented is supported by all members of the Executive and with the defeat of the motion as moved, suggest another motion be moved with substantive qualification; taking into account above listed concerns at the next meeting, or in any case at their earliest opportunity. The executive is prepared to assist in this regard to see the project come to fruition and all members felt disappointed that they were not able to proceed with allocating funds for this project at this time due to numerous unaddressed concerns.

General Business:
Any application the P&F receives seeking funding support from the School P&F should be on some type of “application for funding allocation” form, containing supportive facts and qualifications. It is apparent that some type of document for this purpose has in the past been required, however existence of such a form is now unable to be determined. A new form should be prepared and available to any party seeking allocation of funds from the School P&F.

Next Executive Meeting: Thursday 18th March 2010 starting 7.30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9.05am