Magdalene Catholic High School
Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting
10 February 2015
7pm

- Prayer
- Present: Sharyn Brooks; Paul Harrington; Kelly O’Keefe; Cathy McDonald; Isabell Potts; Greg Elliott; James McFarlane; Melanie McClafferty; Joe Trimarchi; Michelle Wright; Linda Maguire; Esther Hy; Kathy Foden; John Lo Cascio
- Apologies: Stephen Grabowski
- Minutes from previous meeting: seconded by Kelly O’Keefe
- Business arising
  - 1 Aqua Pole water refilling unit trialled successfully; discussion about installing more.
  - Perfectionism and stress research study – an online intervention that looks at overcoming unhelpful perfectionism (Chloe Yu Shu) – did not go ahead
- Principal’s Report
  - Annual Improvement Plan 2015 priorities:
    ▪ Catholic life and mission – major focus to support student’s spiritual and faith development (understanding of curriculum in context of current world trends; understanding tolerance; religious and spiritual programs; promoting dignity of others, justice and Christian values (outreach programs); including students in scheduled Mass events)
    ▪ Student achievement reports (reflecting a standard of what they can do; what they produce; what they are capable of doing; look at the meaningfulness of the report, subject grade descriptors developed; needs feedback from parents and students)
    ▪ Changing mindset on how to improve student’s education
    ▪ Ongoing priorities (why we do what we do; why we exist as a school, focusing on how students can excel)
  - School hall discussed
    ▪ Projected finishing time 2018
    ▪ Potential uses - assemblies, presentations, masses, sport
- Treasurer’s Report
  - unavailable; currently at Auditors
- Correspondence/Requests for support
  - Mel McClafferty put forward the: Brewarrina Excursion Proposal
    ▪ Discussion regarding Magdalene’s contribution to include fund raising by students to send 8-10 Year 11 students to Brewarrina as part of an initiative to raise awareness about the plight of the town (school with 5 teachers; 80% indigenous students); and explore cross cultural links – historical, socio economic, educational (numeracy, literacy, social justice)
    ▪ Discussed various options of funding the project:
    ▪ 100% fundraising by students
    ▪ Initial set up from P&F (to be reviewed on annual basis); or
    ▪ P&F to fill in shortfall
• General Business
  o Sausage sizzle for prospective Year 7 students and their families
  o Discussed possibility of Facebook page for the school
• Correspondence
  o Grab a Seat brochure for outside seating
  o Chocolate fundraising
  o Election tool kit for 2015

Meeting closed:  8.30pm

Next meeting:  Tuesday 28 April 2015