

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ST PAUL'S SCHOOL COUNCIL HELD AT THE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 1997 AT 1600 HRS.

Present: Mr J Zappala, Acting Deputy Chair, in the Chair
Mr GT Auckland
Professor GE Kearney
The Rev GW McGrory
Mr SC Miles
Mrs JA Polkinghorne
Mr GA Case, Headmaster
Mr RJ Verdon, Bursar

Apologies: Mr AE Knox, Chairman
Mrs L Boucaut
Dr PN Coman, Diocesan Education Consultant
Mr NC Reid, Consultant Member

On Leave: Mrs JA Smith, Deputy Chair
Mr P Klavins

In Attendance: Mrs S Munday-Lake, Anglican Schools Office

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Munday-Lake to the meeting.

The meeting opened with prayer.

**Minutes of the Meeting of
20 August 1997:** Md Mrs Polkinghorne, Sd Mr Auckland: That the minutes of the
meeting of 20 August 1997 be adopted.

Carried.

Report of the Headmaster: Staff:

Staff were encouraged to take their Long Service Leave entitlement when due, and in full, to reduce the School's increasing financial commitment through increases in salaries. While the School made provisions in the accounts for staff entitlements, this did not imply the availability of cash reserves to meet the ever increasing expense.

The Headmaster provided a verbal update in regard to the matter concerning the previous School Counsellor.

Students:

The lower enrolments in Primary for 1998 continued to be of continuing concern. The Development Office and the Registrar had been requested to take every action to investigate the cause and increase the enrolments.

The results of the P-4 survey were encouraging but indicated that only a limited number of expressions of interest had been received for the immediate future years. A full analysis would be made available to the School Planning Committee at its next meeting.

An interim report had been received from the consultants to Lend Lease Limited in regard to Mango Hill on the afternoon of the School Council meeting. A copy had been forwarded to the Anglican Schools Office.

Government Matters:

The meeting noted the Brisbane City Council's possible requirement for the School to provide Environmental Impact Studies for future development on the Campus.

The Headmaster indicated that the latest indication was that the Brisbane City Council may provide a waiver to the condition on the basis of the City Council approving the Master Development Plan.

It was further advised that it may be possible, should the City Council accept the Development Plan, not to have to apply for Planning Consent should any proposed building or improvements be along the lines set out in the Development Plan.

Industrial Matters:

Council's attention was directed to the draft Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and in particular to Clauses 5.4 and 5.8.1. The Headmaster indicated that these Clauses went part of the way in addressing concerns held by employers and provided schools with some flexibility.

Building and Development:

The Headmaster circulated copies of the preferred plan to assist with traffic flow inside the School property and advised that the matter had been referred to two civil engineers namely, Alexander, Brown and Cambridge Pty Ltd and John Wilson and Partners.

The Council viewed a copy of the drawings for the proposed Caretaker's cottage to be sited South of the Reid Centre.

Review of the Master Development Plan:

The Headmaster directed members of Council attention to the two submissions received in relation to the proposed review of the existing Master Development Plan.

It was noted that one submission proposed that the Master Plan be redeveloped in total, while the other addressed the matter as detailed in the invitation.

The School Administration was requested to contact the third company that was invited to tender and establish whether or not they were interested and to also request the other tenderer to submit the proposal in accordance with the invitation.

Other Matters:

The meeting discussed the request received from the Presbyterian Church for right of access to their property via the School's frontage in Hearne Street.

While Council agreed to make a submission to Diocesan Council to provide such access at no cost to the School the School Administration was requested to establish that any cost of restoration at the conclusion of the agreement would be met by the Presbyterian Church.

Md Mr Case, Sd Mr Auckland: That the Headmaster's Report be adopted.

Carried.

The St Paul's School (Bald Hills) Foundation Limited:

The meeting was informed that the major current item of activity of the Foundation was the ELICOS Centre and that now provisional accreditation had been received the Centre had accepted its first students.

It was not envisaged that full enrolments would be achieved until well after the commencement of 1998.

It was noted that the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation would be held at the School on Thursday 16 October 1997 at 7 pm.

Report of the Committees of Council:Finance and Commercial Activities Committee Meeting 15 September 1997:Music Building:

The Headmaster was authorised to sign the loan offer document from ADIF for a loan of \$1,800,000 with a indicative fixed interest rate over 5 years of 8.05%.

Think Tank:

Difficulties had been encountered in arranging a time suitable for those persons invited to partake in the second "think tank".

1998 Budget:

The 1998 Budget was an agenda item for the next meeting. During those deliberations the matter of Accident and Fee insurance would be investigated.

Md Mr Zappala Sd Mr Miles: That the Report of the Finance and Commercial Activities Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Education and Resources Committee meeting of 27 August 1997:

Md Fr McGrory, Sd Mr Auckland: That the Report of the Education and Resources Committee meeting of 27 August 1997 be received.

Carried.

School Planning and Marketing Committee Meeting of 2 September 1997:

The next meeting of the Committee would consider the submissions in relation to the review of the Master Development Plan as well as the results of the survey of parents in relation to P-4.

Md Prof Kearney, Sd Mrs Polkinghorne: That the Report of the School Planning and Marketing Committee be received.

Carried.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1745 hrs.

The next meeting of the St Paul's School Council will be held at the School on 12 November 1997 at 1600 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Chairman

Date