

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ST PAUL'S SCHOOL COUNCIL HELD AT ST PAUL'S SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2000 AT 1600 HRS.

**Present:** Mr AE Knox, Chairman  
Mrs JA Smith, Deputy Chair  
Dr RM Anderson  
Mr GT Auckland  
Mr M Chesney  
Mr JR Eustace  
The Rev GW McGrory  
Mr SC Miles  
Mr J Zappala  
Dr PN Coman, General Manager's Nominee  
Mr GA Case, Headmaster  
Mr NC Reid, Consultant Member  
Mr RJ Verdon Bursar

**In Attendance:** Mrs RK Morgan-Hood, Dean of Students

**Apology:** Ms S Thomson

The meeting opened with prayer.

The following documents were tabled at the meeting:

1. Statement by past student received from *Courier-Mail*
2. Statement by past student received from Archbishop
3. Proposed circular letter to past students
4. Board of Teacher Registration regarding Reporting of Sexual Misconduct
5. Notes from Peter Habermann regarding St Paul's North Lakes
6. Chris Harkin's paper to Anglican Schools Conference
7. Changes to FBT Reporting for Schools

The matter of the recent press coverage and the various items of correspondence in relation to the late Mr Lynch was discussed in Committee. Particular reference was made to a fax received by the Archbishop, containing details of an article proposed for publication.

During the meeting further advice was received from the solicitors for the Diocesan insurers.

The Chairman indicated that he, the Deputy Chair and the Headmaster had attended meetings of the various support groups of the School and would continue to do so. The purpose of attending the meetings was to answer any questions that may arise in regard to the matters raised in the press.

Each parent meeting has been advised of processes that had been adopted since the School and the Diocese became aware of the matter in January 1997.

The Chairman indicated that it was time to accelerate a response to the newspaper articles. However, it was necessary for the School to obtain consent from the Diocese for public statements.

It was agreed that the School should acknowledge that the events were tragic and that the School offered help to those who wished to come forward for assistance. Furthermore that the Administration had warned that there could be some students at risk and could need help.

The meeting expressed the view that the current position of not responding to the statements in the press (while being a legal position) did not show the compassionate side of the School or what the School was currently doing for those students and families involved.

Members of Council considered the draft letter that was proposed to be forwarded to past students of the School.

It was agreed that amendments be made to the letter and that the Chairman, Deputy Chair and Headmaster consult on the matter so that the communication could be distributed without delay.

It was further agreed that the Chairman and Headmaster meet with the Archbishop, the General Manager of the Diocese and the insurers at the first opportunity in an endeavour to develop public response to the media statements, taking into consideration the needs of the School community and what the School had done and was doing to address the matter.

Mrs Morgan-Hood then left the meeting.

**Minutes of the Meeting  
of Council held 10 May  
2000**

Md Mr Auckland, Sd Fr McGrory: That the Minutes of the meeting of School Council held 10 May 2000 be adopted.

Carried

**Report of the  
Headmaster**

**St Peter's North Lakes**

The meeting was informed that subsequent to the meeting with the Developers on 5 June 2000 the School Administration was awaiting a draft Community Facilities Sector Two – Sector Plan.

This plan when finalised would be submitted by LLD to the Pine Rivers Council for approval. The Headmaster advised the meeting that Mrs Ritchie of Redcliffe Parish had recently donated another \$10,000 towards the establishment of the School.

### **School Council**

The Chairman indicated that it was proposed that the Focus Group meeting planned to assess prospective members of School Council would be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2000.

The Chairman further indicated that he would speak to Mr John Somerset to confirm his willingness to join School Council.

### **Government Matters**

The meeting was informed that Dr Kemp had expressed anger with the stance taken by the NSW Government and may consider reduction of funding to that State.

### **Financial Matters**

The meeting considered the letter from the General Manager of the Diocese in relation to the writing off of proposed debts for the year ended 31 December 1999.

It was agreed that the School Administration provide the General Manager with the information requested.

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

Carried

### **Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held 15 May 2000**

### **Project Funding**

It was agreed that the School Administration be authorised to approach the St Paul's School (Bald Hills) Foundation Limited and The St Paul's School (Bald Hills) Supporters Association Inc with regard to those bodies being prepared to negotiate Bridging Loans to the School to cover the Commonwealth Government's Capital Grants for the Eastern Extension to the Frost Centre and the Outdoor Physical Education Facilities.

Md Mr Zappala, Sd Mr Miles: That the Report of the Finance Committee meeting of 15 May 2000 be received.

Carried

**Report of the meeting of  
St Paul's School Sub  
Group Considering St  
Peter's North Lake, held  
15 May 2000**

The Headmaster spoke to the paper and the need for the governance issue to continue to be developed.

Fr McGrory indicated that there had been a subsequent meeting of the Deanery and that there was no indication of interest in further expanding the interest group.

Md Mr Auckland, Sd Fr McGrory: That the Report of the meeting of 15 May 2000 be received.

Carried

**Report of the Building  
Task Force Meeting held  
5 June 2000**

Md Mr Chesney, Sd Mr Zappala: That the School Administration be authorised to instruct the architects, Heathwood Cardillo Wilson Pty Ltd to proceed to develop the drawing for the Porte Cochere to be located at the Chapel of St Paul.

Carried

Md Mr Chesney, Sd Mr Zappala: That the School Administration be authorised to instruct the architects, Heathwood Cardillo Wilson Pty Ltd, to engage Mt Cotton Constructions Pty Ltd to perform repair work to the exterior wall of the Sculpture Court at the Reid Centre and to install sun louvres in the structure, cost of the works to be \$19,899.00.

Carried

**Frost Centre Extensions**

Upon considering the report provided on the performance of the lowest tenderer for the project it was agreed that the architects be requested to go back to all selected tenderers and request that they submit new tenders for the project.

The closing date for the re-tender will be 30 June 2000.

Md Mr Chesney, Sd Mr Zappala: That the Report of the Task Force meeting of 5 June 2000 be received.

Carried

**Report of the School  
Planning and Resources  
Committee Meeting held  
6 June 2000**

**Boundary Fence**

School Council expressed the opinion that the proposed fence did not provide the results that were originally required.

The fence should be sited closer to Strathpine Road and have a return to the Music Building, inside the School property and not on the boundary.

Md Dr Anderson, Sd Mr Chesney: That the School Administration seek an amended quotation for the new alignments of the fence, and that should the quotation be less than \$6,000.00 that the fence be erected without further referral to School Council.

### **Shelter**

It was agreed that the estimated costs of all three options were in excess of what could be considered reasonable.

Members of Council requested that the size and requirements of the shelter be refined and a far less expensive structure be investigated.

Md Dr Anderson, Sd Mr Chesney: That the Report of the School Planning and Resources Committee meeting of 6 June 2000 be adopted.

Carried

### **Report of the Education Committee Meeting held 24 May 2000**

The meeting was informed that Mrs Bopf would assume the role of Project Officer for the implementation of the Curriculum Review, upon the return to service by Mr Danielsen.

It was further noted that Mrs Bopf had established a small group from across the School to assist in the planning for the implementation of the Review.

Fr McGrory indicated that the Chairman of School Council, the Headmaster and himself would be meeting with Mrs Bopf on the afternoon of Friday 16 June 2000 to discuss the matter further.

Md Fr McGrory, Sd Mr Eustace: That the Report of the Education Committee meeting of 24 May 2000 be received.

Carried

### **Other Business**

#### **Planning Meeting**

The Chairman reminded members of School Council of the meeting between School Council and representatives of the School Support Groups to be held Saturday 1 July 2000 at 0800hrs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1930hrs.

The next meeting of St Paul's School Council will be held at a venue to be advised on Wednesday 19 July 2000 at 1700 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Chairman

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