

MINUTES OF CATHOLIC SPECIAL SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING ON 18/11/91

APOLOGIES: Roger Stuart, Rino Cavuoto and Stephanie Grant.

PRESENT: Paul Morrissy, David Prince, Art Eckerman, Glenda Samuel, Sister Loreto, Martin Aartsen, Dianne O'Neill & Tony Bates.

MINUTES ACCEPTED:

1st David Prince, 2nd Sister Loreto.

BUSINESS ARISING:

The Constitution.

A return letter from Archbishop's secretary with further comments regarding the new constitution. Sister Loreto to follow up with alterations in line with her comments.

Advertisement for younger students for St. Ann's.
Some possibilities for new enrolments exists.

Alan Lemmy's fund-raising ideas. Some ideas for possible follow up and discussion will be forwarded by him.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- No new word on possible new funding.
- Loreto to paraphrase review.
- possible cuts.
Both schools will share one speech pathologist.
- possible use of aide as a therapy assistant.
- These 2 moves should save \$28,500 in one year allowing for a balanced budget.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- St. Ann's:
1. Total money raised from the Debutante Ball has reached \$2,000 with sales of videos of the evening - a great achievement.
 2. We have received numerous enquiries after placing advertisements in Advertiser and Messeinger Newspapers. At this stage we have 3 definite new enrolments for next year, but have room for at least four more students.
 3. School photos were taken on Wednesday 6th Nov. Thanks to Muriel for co-ordinating and Maureen Zurvich for helping out.
 4. Special Schools Track and Field Championships were held on Wednesday 13th November. The Senior school and selected Junior students attended. It was a successful day with many of our students winning medals. All students enjoyed participating and seeing old friends.
 5. Julie Jensen has been informed of the principals decision to share Speech Pathology services next year. We will be meeting with Julie to discuss the most practical way to do this.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:St. Ann's Continued:

6. Following enquiries about the availability of the promised \$100,000 Commonwealth grant to schools who enrolled students from the Autistic Centre school; I have been advised that the money has been specifically targeted for Government Schools.
7. Last week I had to make a difficult decision to terminate the enrolment of one of our senior students. Due to certain aggressive behaviours the student was placing other students in danger of injury. A long process of seeking help from outside our school was not successful. We hope our decision will lead to a more appropriate school placement and greater support for this student. I thank Loreto for her support.
8. The Autistic Centre is kindly lending us an Apple Macintosh computer for our students to use during this term.

St. Patrick's:

1. Funding: despite many phone calls, no definite decision yet as to level of S.E.C.C. funding for either school for 1992. S.E.C.C. has decided to conduct an extensive review of 3 non Government Special Schools commencing 1992. The composition of the panel involved and the actual process has not yet been finalized. Loreto has some concern regarding possible "hidden agenda" behind the review. School Board representatives, C.E.O. personal and parents will need to be consulted as part of the review. Adequate documentation on various policies will need to be completed prior to the review and staff are working on these now.
2. Funding Cuts 1992.
After much thought and consultation with staff and Industrial Officer at C.E.O. both schools will share the 1 speech pathologist who will work .5 in each place. This will be for 1992 only and the situation then reviewed. Preference at St. Patrick's would be for .4 time reduction in Art rather than speech. Loreto is advertising through C.E.O. for a .4 temporary position as class teaching position.
3. \$2,000 donation from Queen Adelaide Society towards replacement bus.
4. School camp at Victor Harbor. was most successful.
5. All students were involved in Athletics day last Wednesday along with many others from Government Special Schools.
Some of our older students also competing in basketball on Fridays.
6. Very successful working bee held on Saturday - great support from parents.
7. End of the year Christmas Mass December 11th, Board members are most welcome.
8. New regulations under O.H.S.W. regarding asbestos in schools - Final advice to come from C.E.O. re inspection of schools.
9. Constitution:
Marie Shevlin has again stressed several changes to Constitution, which she mentioned previously. John McDonald supports the changes and so a revised draft will be drawn up.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

Issue of reports to the Board as elected by P & F Assoc.

A memo to P & F reminding them of their need to elect representative to the Board.

Information on past fee increases to be available for next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.02p.m.

NEXT MEETING 16th DECEMBER, 1991.