

Fort Street High School School Parents & Citizens Association Minutes of General Meeting

Chair: Michael Easton
Date: Wednesday 13th September 2023
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Zoom and Onsite
Re: General Meeting Minutes (Motions, Actions and Outcomes)

Meeting declared open by Michael Easton – President

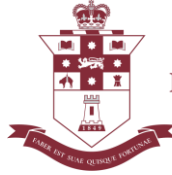
Attendance

Malcolm Groves, Joel Morrison, Elizabeth Kenyon, Juliette McMurray, Michael Easton, Claire Bentley, Dante Diaz, Caroline Aow, Kirrily Druery, Hung Ngo, Emma Pearce, Helen de Wolfe

Note that there are significant challenges with electronic meetings in gathering full names of attendees. As most are not members, there is no expected impact to voting.

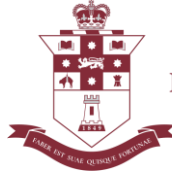
Apologies

None



General Meeting Agenda

- 1 **President's welcome** – Michael Easton
- 2 **Student Representative Council Report** – Claire Bentley, Dante Diaz
- 3 **Secretary's Report** – Malcolm Groves
 - 3.1 **Apologies**
 - 3.2 **Declaration of Interests**
 - 3.3 **Table minutes from last meeting**
 - 3.4 **Correspondence**
 - 3.5 **Action Item Updates from last meeting**
- 4 **Principal's Report** – Juliette McMurray
- 5 **Treasurer's Report** – Hung Ngo
- 6 **General Business**
 - 6.1 **Confirmation of Rowing Machine Purchase** – Michael Easton
 - 6.2 **Gym Fit Out** – Michael Easton
 - 6.3 **Year 10 Social and Underwriting Bond** – Michael Easton
 - 6.4 **Process for Tracking Spending Commitments** – Michael Easton
 - 6.5 **Working Bee Report** – Juliette McMurray and Elizabeth Kenyon
 - 6.6 **AGM Preparations for November** – Michael Easton
 - 6.7 **Uniform Shop Fitting Days and Prices** – Caroline Aow
 - 6.8 **Toilet Closures** – Elizabeth Kenyon
 - 6.9 **Funding Request from RoboCup Competitors** – Juliette McMurray
 - 6.10 **Incoming Year 7 Welcome and Communications** – Kirrily Druery
 - 6.11 **Acknowledgement of Teacher Activities / Achievements**
- 7 **Membership Administration**
- 8 **Next Meeting** – General Meeting – Wednesday 11th October, 2023



General Meeting Minutes

1. President’s welcome – Michael Easton

- Michael welcomed all attendees and outlined the meeting.

2. Student Representative Council Report – Claire Bentley and Dante Diaz

- New SRC election has run, this will be Claire and Dante's last meeting
- NAIDOC assembly a few weeks ago
 - Prioritised this to raise awareness with upcoming Voice referendum
 - Yr 11 and 12 SRC's delivered workshops to 7, 8 and 9's to discuss Uluru statement, Indigenous connection to country, and other topics
- FIFA World Cup tipping was successful, generated a lot of excitement
- SRC Camp Thu/Fri next week
- Question from parent about how democratic the SRC election is.
 - Teachers have no vote in SRC elections. They do get a vote in President role but carries the same weight as the student's votes.

3. Secretary's Report - Malcolm Groves

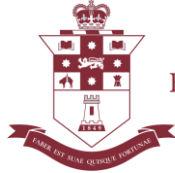
- Apologies
 - As above
- Declaration of Interests
 - No interests or conflicts raised
- Table minutes from last meeting

Motion	That the minutes from the previous meeting, 2023-06-14, be accepted as a true record.
Mover	Michael Easton
Seconder	Malcolm Groves
Result	Passed

- Correspondence
 - None
- Action Item Updates from last meeting
 - None

4. Principal’s Report – Juliette McMurray

- Had a lunch for SAS Recognition Week last week
- Astronomy night last week, well attended.
- Yr9 Duke of Ed camp last week. No rain!
- In general school is trying to make all camps occur at end of week due to student tiredness
- Yr12 about to wrap up this week



- Looking for exam Invigilators for HSC exam supervision
 - 11th Oct to 2nd Nov
- Government Mobile phone policy comes in next term
 - Nothing really changes for Fort St
 - Not doing phone lockers due to lack of roll-call class
 - Current policy working well
- Shoutout to Tali Ezekial for 24 hour row for Mental Health
 - great success
 - good support from both students and staff
 - will get an invoice for the rowing machines that the p&c purchased. Machines are already being used by PDHPE classes
- There was a sudden spike in deliberate vandalism in toilets
 - driven by a tiktok trend apparently
 - expensive and unpleasant
 - didn't go away after emails, assembly mentions, fortune discussions
 - the two week restricted access policy was aimed at putting the spotlight on the issue
 - Toilets have now reopened, and incidents have dramatically reduced.
 - putting a survey out to students around improvements/renovations that can be done to make the bathrooms a more pleasant environment
 - also considering CCTV expansion (not in the bathrooms)
 - 3 cameras in playground area as a deterrent
 - quote for \$15,000 (includes sick bay cameras which are currently not working)
 - mixed response from parents in the room.
 - **AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING**

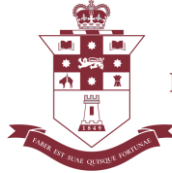
Motion	P&C to fund the purchase of two Grand Piano Trolleys for Hall \$4510
Mover	Michael Easton
Seconder	Helen de Wolfe
Result	Passed

5. Treasurer's Report – Michael Easton

- Balances
 - Uniform Shop Account - \$110,708
 - Cheque Account - \$15,372
 - Term Deposits - \$80,512 and \$81,918

6. General Business

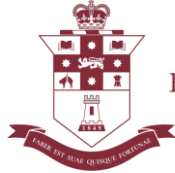
- Confirmation of Rowing Machine Purchase – Michael Easton
- Gym Fit Out – Michael Easton
 - space is not ideal. Will need significant work to make it a pleasant environment
 - questions about the number of people who would make use of it. Given the amount, is it worth it?



- No motion proposed.
- Year 10 Social and Underwriting Bond – Michael Easton
 - 2nd hand uniform stall could fund a rollover bond. Parent would still put their credit card down but this would be a backup.
 - SRC asked, and it was confirmed, that 2nd Hand Uniform stall funds were also accessible to them for other activities, in that same year.
- Process for Tracking Spending Commitments – Michael Easton
- Working Bee Report – Juliette McMurray and Elizabeth Kenyon
 - good turnout
 - all the gardens were ready for tree planting (which has now happened)
 - Kitchen garden with edible plants
 - New composting area set up
- AGM Preparations for November – Michael Easton
 - deferred to next meeting
- Uniform Shop Fitting Days and Prices – Caroline Aow
 - Fitting Days
 - 5 days this year, 2 in January
 - Need parent volunteers
 - Also need to line up SRC reps
 - Email to go out
 - Prices
 - Some items need small increases to track costs. Will send out list
- Toilet Closures – Elizabeth Kenyon
 - Covered in Principal's Report
- Funding Request from RoboCup Competitors – Juliette McMurray
 - Maker Society is huge. 100+ attendees every week.
 - Lots of Fort St teams entered
 - Team of 4 Yr 10 boys came first in the Robot Soccer and are off to the Nationals in Melbourne

Motion	That the P&C provide up to \$2000 for Maker Society Parts for upcoming RoboCup National Finals
Mover	Michael Easton
Seconder	Elizabeth Kenyon
Result	Passed

- Incoming Year 7 Welcome and Communications – Kirrily Druery
 - WeChat, WhatsUp and Facebook groups are up and running



- Acknowledgement of Teacher Activities / Achievements
 - Yr 11 Teachers doing extra days to get kids ready for HSC
 - Ms Salisbury with Uni/Career advice
 - Ms Ezekial for 24 Hour Row
 - Ms Maddok and Ms Propsting for school musical
 - Ms Nolan for giving the kids extra support due to their heavy workload
- Other Business
 - Garth Chapman (Social Sciences) requested funding for some equipment:
 - Anemometer x 1 (\$157)
 - Multifunction Env Meter x 6 (\$159 each)
 - Data Logging Particulate Monitor x 1 (\$2549)

Motion	That the P&C provide \$3660 for purchase of Social Sciences data logging equipment \$3660
Mover	Michael Easton
Seconder	Emma Pearce
Result	Passed

7. Membership Administration

- Please see the P&C web site for more information on roles, contacts and joining.

8. Next Meeting – General Meeting – Wednesday 18th October, 2023 (Online)

Meeting closed at 9:14