Toormina High School P & C General Meeting

Venue: THS Teachers Staff Room  
Date: 17/2/2016

Attendance: Carleen Bake-Smith, Jo Smith, Kathy McDowell, Sandra Jeffery, Michelle Bake, Jaye Gilchrist, Dionne Court, Caroline ?, Annabel Speight.

Apologies: Nil

Previous Minutes:

Business Arising:

- Book packs

80 packs – 20 without calculators / 60 with calculators

Would consider 100 next year & include white apron.

- Gonski dinner – positive feedback
- Transition night – positive feedback numbers up.
- Masters/Bunnings BBQ – Bunnings BBQ March 20\(^{th}\) – acceptance needed in 3 days. Discussed and decision made for Caroline to negotiate with Bunnings for a later date.

Treasurer’s Report: Book packs – proceeds pending deposit.

Rewards Excursion – Large recent expenses.

Current balance as at 1/1/2016 $1757.71

Accepted. Moved – Michelle Bake, seconded – Dionne Court.

President’s Report: 17/2/2016

Welcome to everyone to 2016. Our first meeting for the year will be a “Think tank” for issues/ideas that parents wish to have raised by P&C. I’m hoping this will have two effects. Firstly to have more parents attend our meetings and secondly to have the P&C be more attuned to the needs of the parent community. It can be said that if we aren’t doing anything then parents are happy but issues need the chance to be raised.
While we need to fundraise, I don’t want it to be the main activity that we do. An Easter raffle, and a thermomix raffle, (I’ll talk later on that) and our very successful pie drive.

An idea given to me by Janelle Hogan was to give parents an option to pick how they would like to help eg. Bunnings BBQ, help pack pie orders once pies arrive, man a table at Centro should we need it. We know people don’t want to be on a committee but if we can have a list of parent names from which to call on when we need help it would be very helpful to us.

The book pack idea was a winner. I ran out of packs, I could have sold at least 10 more. We need to bear this in mind for next years Yr 7 and we need to include a white apron!!! It was good to have the option of a calculator but the pack with the calculator was by far the biggest seller.

Here’s to a happy and productive 2016.

I call for the AGM to be held 16/3/2016.

Michelle Bake

THS P&C President.

**New Business Arising:**

- **Ski Excursion** – Jo spoke about issues/concerns that have been raised. Year 10 to have a 3 day excursion.
- **Buses** – Ongoing concerns re: our pupils having to leave class at 3.15pm to catch certain buses. Transport NSW have given a case manager to this issue. Still ongoing.
- **Music Tutoring** – contract established with Coffs Harbour Conservatorium. – Tutoring during lessons. After school “World Music”
- **Musicale** – on the go.

**Discussion:**

Question asked re: traffic flashing lights. Answer: The one for primary school is to cater for high school as well.
Discussion regarding grant for pedestrian access improvements to school intersection area.

Michelle – discussion regarding email from parent concerned that P&C is not raising issues as it should. Response from Michelle read – Dionne forwards motion to ratify Michelle’s response. Seconded Caroline.

Discussion re: - improvement to communication for Year 7 Meet Teacher Night that students are welcome to accompany parents

Parent engagement – new parents feedback - Wanted to know what’s going on. Potential for conflict.

Michelle Bake has resigned from the uniform shop. Karina Allen is our new person as of 29th February.

Thermomix raffle discussion – Caroline to check Public liability situation with Centro Toormina.