

Newman Parents Consultative Committee

19.01

Monday 13 May 2019, 7.00pm
Auditorium, Studio 1

Minutes

1. John opened the meeting with a reflection & prayer

2. Principal's Welcome and Address – John Finneran

2.1 John Finneran confirmed that staff and students had enjoyed a smooth start to Term 2

2.2 The recent death of Fr Joe Tran, College Chaplain, had a significant impact on the College community. He commended the way in which our community responded in supporting each another.

2.3 **2020 – 2023 Strategic Plan**

- In the upcoming weeks, students and parents will be given the opportunity to provide feedback through a Climate survey which will assist in developing the 2020 - 2022 Strategic Plan. Communication will be circulated to families in Week 5.
- The feedback from the Climate survey will help to direct/frame the strategic planning process in Terms 3 and 4.

2.4 **Enrolment Update**

- The Year 7 2020 enrolment process is underway, with family interviews taking place during May. The College continues to enjoy steady enrolment numbers, however, we continue to develop strategies and allocate relevant resourcing to ensure the maintaining of our enrolment numbers.

3. Report from the Vice Principal – Lisa Fogliani

3.1 **New Uniform Proposals**

- Lisa has currently been working with a number of different student groups to gauge the preferences of students.
- From this, the College created five different proposals and sought feedback from the NPCC (refer to table below)

<p>Proposal 1: Navy Tights</p> <p>Transition to navy blue tights from grey (Marcellin Campus)</p>	<p>Proposal 2: Pants Proposal 3: Shorts Proposal 4: Skort</p> <p>An option for female students across the College</p>	<p>Proposal 5: Trousers/Skorts/Shorts</p> <p>Colour: Navy</p>
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General Feedback from NPCC

- Would prefer the new options and existing uniform to not be seasonal for both boys and girls
- The new options should be the same colour for both boys and girls (i.e. grey pants).
- Opportunity to review the current sport shorts (currently unisex) and have both a girl and boy option
- The new options will be an additional option to the standard College Uniform.
- Option for a 'formal' uniform when students are out representing the College and for school photo days
- The final decision needs to fit and meet the needs of the students.
- These are the first of many conversations. More information will be communicated with families in the coming weeks.

3.2 DISA Survey

- Data will be used to inform the College's next strategic plan
- The survey is a follow-on from 2016 (original survey)
- Published to families in Week 5

4. Report from Deputy Principal Wellbeing Secondary – Alan Fitzpatrick

4.1 Alan's role is to work with leaders of wellbeing, counsellors & psychologists, curriculum administration, leader of pedagogy, secondary staff

4.2 Subject Selection Year 11 2010

- Pathways information session was held in Week 2. Highlighting with parents that pathways are very flexible.

4.3 NAPLAN and OLNA

- Testing commencing in Term 2. A number of literacy and numeracy sessions are scheduled in Homework Club in the coming weeks to help support students

4.4 Year 12 Program

- As part of the College's commitment to wellbeing, the College's Counselling Team will conduct a number of skills and mental health sessions over the next few weeks in the lead-up to exams. A big focus on wellbeing

4.5 Careers Breakfast (For Years 11 and 12 General Students)

- Taking place in Week 5 under the direction of the Pathways and Onsite Coordinator, Justin Farley. Opportunity for students to connect with people involved in various fields of work. Correspondence has been sent to all families via Seqta.

5. Report from Leader of Wellbeing Early Childhood – Lisa McClue

5.1 Short introduction on Lisa's role as Leader of Wellbeing at Marian Campus.

5.2 National Quality Standards (NQS)



- NQS is the National Benchmark for Early Childhood education and care across Australia. Governs 0-8yrs.
- Current focus of the Marian Campus is to raise our knowledge and practices across the board.

5.3 Sustainability and Industry Partnerships

- In 2019, there has been an increased focus on sustainability on the Marian Campus
- Implemented new initiatives i.e. sustainability stations, sustainability committee, Golden Gnome Award, recycling of paper / batteries / coffee cups
- Continually looking at increasing parent and community partnerships – i.e. recent Bunnings involvement

5.4 Professional Learning

- Focus on professional learning and professional discussions through:
 - Formative assessment methods
 - Documenting children's anecdotal learning
 - Greater involvement of EA's in record keeping and assessment, as well as delivery of content
 - Children's agency
 - Critical reflections and integrating this into the teaching and learning cycle.

5.5 Fitness Friday and Coffee at the College

- Fitness Friday stemmed from the idea to introduce the 'Coffee at the College' concept. The intent of this was to provide an opportunity for parents to come together in an informal environment for communication between parents and leadership. To foster a sense of community.
- Fitness Friday engages students in activities that promote health and wellbeing, as well as providing extra-curricular opportunities for students.
- Current offerings include:
 - LEGO Club
 - Dance Aerobics
 - Running Club
 - Strength and Stretching.
- Looking to expand / modify offerings in Semester 2 to maintain ongoing interest and participation.

5.6 Little Discoverer's Playgroup

- For 0-3 year olds fortnightly on Monday mornings (commencing Monday 20 May)
- Enables future families and students to meet, socialise and interact. See what the College has to offer
- Increase community involvement

- Sessions will focus on development of early childhood skills through play, song, stories and rhyme in child-centred environment.
- Registration through website. No charge for sessions. Capped at 20 children.

5.7 Introduction of new Reading resources - Fountas & Pinnell

- Data walls at Marian and Lavalla Campuses coordinated by Teacher Leaders Katya Anderson and Renae Zelich to support teaching and learning
- Results in effective and accurate data representation across units, and ability to analyse the errors to better inform forward planning of reading instruction.

6. Report from Director of Operations and Engagement – Thomas Wagner

6.1 New Community Engagement Initiatives 2019

- Coffee at the College / Fitness Fridays – engagement with the parent body
- Facebook Parent Groups – mechanism for parents to use to connect

6.2 Industry Partnerships

- Engaging with industry leaders to empower and support our students' chosen pathways. i.e. Careers Breakfast

6.3 Capital Development Update

- Learning Hub webpage was launched during NPCC meeting <https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/learning-hub/>
- FAQs and Feedback on the webpage discussed and highlighted
- Bathroom upgrade for Marian and Lavalla identified as an area for improvement
- Learning Hub Community Forum is taking place for all members of the College internal and external community. The College architect will present the educational brief and operational requirements.
- It was raised that it is vital for the benefits for Y3-6 is communicated to families so the Hub isn't perceived as a Y7-12 facility.

7. Feedback Session - Facilitated by Neil Gulvin, NPCC Executive

7.1 Year 6 camp at Waroona was very successful and enjoyable from all reports
Students especially loved the new Year 6 shirts

7.2 Level of communication about Fr Joe was handled really well by the College.
Especially with the Year 12's.

7.3 Policy for mandatory PE should be revised for senior students

- Lisa advised mandated hours of curriculum delivery does not include compulsory sport
- The College has created a number of extra-curricular fitness opportunities for students in 2019 to encourage participation in health and wellness i.e. Years 10-12 Gym sessions run by the Counselling team
- Suggestion for a girls only group

7.4 Counselling Services

- When students are using counselling services, parents are informed if the student presents risk
- Parents of "younger students" are informed of counselling visits
- Parents are informed of "older student" counselling visits dependent of the nature of the visit

7.5 Website

- The functionality of the calendar isn't user friendly. Possibility for a filter option ie primary, secondary
- The College will review the current software

7.6 Newsletter

- Clicking onto items doesn't allow you to go back
- The College will review the current software

8. Upcoming Events

8.1 Newman Parents evening Term 2 presented by Susan McLean – 'Growing-up Online' cyber safety presentation.

9. Raffle Draw

10. Close and Next Meeting

Monday 5 August, 7.00pm, Marist Auditorium
