



'Our mission is to provide support by connecting and equipping families and resourcing the College'

## Public Meeting Minutes – Atrium – College Campus

<b>Date:</b> 13 February 2024	<b>Open:</b> 7:34pm	<b>Close:</b> 8:37 pm
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Attendees:	Katie Smith, Christine Fernandez, Glen Warner & Sarah Verheyen
College Rep:	Felicity Marlow – Principal & Colin Wood – Deputy Principal
Apologies:	na/a

	Meeting Item	Details/Actions	By Who
1	<b>Opening Prayer</b>		Katie Smith
2	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	The previous minutes are available on the P&F website. No one has read the minutes, so these will be accepted at the March meeting..	n/a
3	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Glen advised the Treasurer's Report was put online.</p> <p>Summary:            November 2023            Glow donut profit &amp; new families picnic cost            Balance at EOM = \$15,813.43</p> <p>December 2023            Some costs for colour run pizz party winners &amp; donuts from GLOW            Balance at EOM = \$15,162.13</p> <p>January 2024            Nil expenses            Balance at EOM = \$15,162.13            Less \$5000 buffer            Available Funds 31 January 2024 = \$1,162.13</p> <p>Updates coming next month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Know Your Norwest expenses approx \$4000 (TBC)</li> <li>- Donation to College – Shade cloth – this was from the Colour Run profit. This donation hasn't been made yet. At the end of 2023 we were unsure</li> </ul>	Called to be moved by Glen Warner 1 – Cheryl 2 – Nicole Dunn

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		<p>about the costs of KYN. This will be communicated at March P&amp;F.</p>	
4	<p><b>General Business &amp; Current Events</b></p>	<p>Discussion Items:</p> <p>Celebration Morning Tea – over 60 people arrived. P&amp;F were grateful for all the generously donated food for the morning team. The P&amp;F didn't have to contribute anything which we are very grateful for. Great start to the year celebrating the first week of school.</p> <p>Know Your Norwest – huge night, and the volunteers had such an impact. 920 people were booked in for food on the evening. Volunteers packed the suppers into paper bags, consisting of sandwiches &amp; treats. More volunteers were there to serve for the 40 minutes break for dinner. There were lots of satisfied smiles.</p> <p>Clean Up Australia Day – coming up on Saturday, 2 March. Our Local Member of Parliament is looking to get involved. Great way to serve our community. You will arrive at the school to sign in and get your bag &amp; gloves, you will be given a map, and you will go off to clean up that area. Once finished, then bring the garbage back to the school and sign out.</p> <p>Hot Cross Bun Drive – you will soon be able to pre order Hot Cross Buns for your children, which will be dropped off to classrooms. No single orders on the day. Starting at 9am to pack up all the orders, then they will be put into the lunch baskets for recess. There may be some extras for sale on the day but that will be determined closer to the date. More info coming soon.</p> <p>Mothers Day Gift – family photo shoot. An amazing gift for mum!!! \$50.00 gift for your mum, only costing \$25 (therefore \$25 profit) with some amazing photographers. A lovely voucher will be given to you to give to mum on Mothers Day. You will be able to book in for after Mothers Day via an online calendar with one of the experienced photographers. Photo shoot Location: Rouse Hill Regional Park</p> <p>School Disco 2024 ALTERNATIVE – this year, due to restrictions of space, we are looking to change the event to a family picnic and bush dance for the whole school community. Everyone can be involved with the bush dance; you will be able to have a break and let the kids take over the dance floor and have some disco fun with glow sticks. Mrs Marlow has suggested that the staff may be able to put together a band for the night.</p>	

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		<p>Date: Term 2, exact date TBC  Possible Location: School Oval  Time: We are hoping that it can be a time lots of people can be involved and trying to accommodate everyone.  Question: What does everyone think about a Saturday evening, 4-6pm? (Feedback from attendees and answering questions.)  Suggestion: Not Mothers Day or Riverstone Festival weekend or Riverstone Baptist 25 May.</p> <p>Lots of other events coming up as per the school calendar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross Country</li> <li>• Donut day</li> <li>• Colour Run</li> <li>• Glow</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>College Representatives</b></p> <p><b>Felicty Marlow - Principal</b></p>	<p>Thank you to Felicty and Colin for their personal interviews.  Felicty Marlow Interview:  1 – If you were going to choose a birthday cake for yourself today, what flavour?</p> <p>Answer: DEFINITELY chocolate mud.</p> <p>2 – what does family look like for you?</p> <p>Answer: 4 children, (well, all adults now so have to stop calling them children”. Eldest daughter has been married for 4 years and is a teacher; eldest son is also a teacher who had a birthday last week. My other son is studying an architecture degree at university, and my other daughter is at the college doing a traineeship. It’s nice to have them all in the same stage of life now. Family nights every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night – takeaway. The kids all get whatever they like!!! 😊</p> <p>3 – How is it that you came to faith?</p> <p>Answer: My parents have loved God for the majority of their life, though I remember when I was 5 visiting my Nan, from a juvenile understanding I asked my mum, “how do I ask Jesus into my heart”. I remember standing on the path looking at my nans door to her apartment and saying the prayer my mum taught me. When I was 13 I was baptised and remembering understanding more about God and what it meant to have him as my King and what it meant to be saved, and when I was 17 remembering there was nothing I could do that was good enough for my God and how thankful for God I was. At 30, was struggling being a mum of 4, and praying to God saying “I need to give this one to you too God, I can’t do this on my own”. In this role, there are so many times I need to cry out to God and say “I don’t know what to do”. It’s been wonderful being connected to Him.</p>	<p>Felicty Marlow &amp; Colin Wood</p>

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	<p><u>Mrs Marlow Presentation: It All Matters</u> (a summary of the presentation)</p> <p>Question – what matters most at Norwest? Have a think about it. Some parents may say “academics really matters at Norwest”, some say “Faith really matters at Norwest”, some say “university entrance ranks are important at Norwest”, or “sports results matter at Norwest”. Tonight, I want to say It All Matters.</p> <p>“Near horizon, far horizon, eternal horizon”. Near Horizon – things right now. Far horizon – eg career. Eternal horizon – living with purpose with an abundant life. Moving young people towards that for which they were created.</p> <p>Purpose Full Life; John 10:10</p> <p>A full life, an abundant life, an enriched life.</p> <p>A full life – someone who is formed by <b>faith</b> and living out their <b>virtues</b>. They make an active choice to accept God’s <b>wisdom</b>. They <b>serve</b> others.</p> <p>Everything we do is about developing the whole person. Everything matters. When we think about the whole person, give a sense of being and connectiveness, and gives a full picture of life, everyone gets on board.</p> <p>It All Matters – every person in the community counts.</p> <p>How do we pay attention at Norwest: (summary of slides)</p> <p>Faith – Engage of interest and passions and about the development of faith. Co-curricular, (program is blossoming and thriving); music, duke of ed, futures program, drama, AABC, SEED etc etc. The children need to understand their unique design. Faith – God knows them, he loves them, and he has a plan for their life. Lots of lunch time groups are offered in the school.</p> <p>Manage – how do we grow young people, to manage ourselves to better order and value to the world. Reflect on learning, how you think, how you process information. How do we help young people to think about how they are thinking? We have mapped out all our learning dispositions and teach our kids to be powerful learners. We don’t want our kids to sit in classrooms being passive, we want them to take initiative in their learning. Active approach to</p>	

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<p>Colin Wood - Principal</p>	<p>learning. Children have 2 goals about how they want to grow, which they reflect at the end of the year.</p> <p>Create – evoke change that will bless others. Learning is not about you, and making it better about yourself, it is about learning how to make a better contribution for others. Project based learning (PBL), developing their knowledge, learning from others, conducting a research process, the object is to create something that will bless others. Good example is the Year 10 Capstone Project. An individual project that they design and implement over the year, designed to help others.</p> <p>Relate – how &amp; why we relate to others, to maintain strong, positive connections with others. How do we include more people – more &amp; more people connecting with one another. Strong focus on service, all year groups year 1 through to year 12, have partner agreement with mission or charity. They think about ways that they can contribute to the community. Opt in service programs. EG camps, volunteering at coffee cart, Operation Child boxes, children learn conflict management strategies, senior summit is about strengthening who they are as people. Brotherhood &amp; sisterhood families, south creek buddy program, inter generational programs.</p> <p><b><u>YOU ALL MATTER</u></b> – children, staff, parents, grandparents, supporters, church, P&amp;F volunteers matter. Everything that everyone does makes a difference for younger people.</p> <p>Mr Wood Interview</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you were going to choose a birthday cake for yourself today, what flavour?</li> </ol> <p>I don't have a particularly sweet tooth, kids and I found salted cameral profiteroles – can that be a cake with some extra salt and chicken! Would take chips &amp; salt over chocolate every time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 – what does family look like for you?</li> </ol> <p>I also have 4 kids, they all turn even numbers in this even year, 18, 16, 14, 12, 3 boys and a girl. They are doing some rapid growing up, sometimes subtly, sometimes obviously, sometimes in a confronting way. And that is usually good to see and sometimes it is hard. I am missing time in the car driving to sports at the moment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 – How is it that you came to faith?</li> </ol> <p>I prayed that prayer when I was 7, I watched on a Sunday afternoon a really scary scene in a B&amp;W movie. I can still</p>	

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		<p>see knights in a medieval time with a big sword to break down the castle door. I realised I'm going to die one day and prayed to God. There were some challenges growing up as a teenager that I can recall that I connected with God about.</p> <p>Then I knew I wasn't in control, there was a moment of fear in my life as a teenager, living next door to someone, and realised that I wasn't in control. It was a key time of realisation. That neighbour moved away a month later!</p>	
6	<b>Open to Questions &amp; Suggestions</b>	No questions.	
7	<b>Close in prayer</b>	Thanks for all that the school has provided to all.	Katie Smith