Location: St Lawrence Primary School

Time: 8.52 a.m.

Date: 16 February 2016

Attendees:
- John Rose (JR)
- Narelle Zaknich (NZ)
- Rebecca Rzemek
- Sue Del Borello (SDB)
- Lucia Ewen (LE)
- Angela Messina
- Leah Ferolla
- Nishma Ferdinaadez
- Giuseppe Di Pietro
- Sophie Musa
- Christine Martinovich
- Paula Bulich
- Amanda Marbito

Principal
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Apologies: None

1. **Opening**
   Meeting commenced at 8.52 a.m. with the opening prayer.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
   The minutes of the previous meeting were moved as true and correct.
   Moved: Sue Del Borello        Seconded: Narelle Zaknich

3. **Business Arising**
   None to report.
4. General Business

- **Term 1:** Family Welcome Night, Chocolate Easter Egg fundraiser. *Narelle to place a note in this week’s newsletter regarding where to send the Chocolate Egg Fundraiser forms and money.* *(NZ)*

- **Term 2:** Bogan Bingo (Friday 27/5/16), Mother’s Day morning tea, Mother’s Day Stall, Fun Run. *For the Bogan Bingo Night. If anyone comes across any cheap Aussie paraphernalia please see Narelle. Also if you would like to donate something “boganish” for the bingo night this will help us with prize give away.*

- **Term 3:** Feast Day morning tea and lunch, Bunnings sausage sizzle, Raffle (holiday as major prize). *With regard to the Feast Day – the proposed schedule will be midday mass, lunch and St Lawrence Got Talent Show.*

- **Term 4:** Movie on the green, Billy G cookie dough/plates fundraiser.

- **Entertainment Books:** The canteen will be taking on this fundraiser.

- **Last year for current P&F:** This year will be the last year for Narelle Zaknich, Sue Del Borelllo, Lucia Ewen and Rebecca Rzemek. If you are interested in any of the P&F positions, please speak to Narelle.

- **EFTPOS – Uniform shop:** Fee charges too high. Cash only. If you want to pay direct debit. This is ok. You can organise ahead of time.

- **Language classes at St Lawrence – Italian:** Consensus around the room thought it wasn’t beneficial for the children and the curriculum that they are learning isn’t that great. John mentioned that from Pre-primary to Year 6 all students must do a language as it is part of the curriculum. In 2018 it will be changing to Year 3 to Year 6. *John to discuss with the Italian teacher to provide a summary of what’s happening in Italian – once a term and published in the newsletter.* *(JR)*

- **Pick-up safety:** John to talk to new parents regarding the parking scenario. John to also discuss with the Stirling City Council – yellow line on the road for clearway during morning drop off and afternoon pick-up. *(JR)*

- **The St Lawrence Church/Playground gate:** Currently not locked. Parents are worried that strangers use the oval and it may be dangerous for the children when they play. John reassured everyone that there is a teacher on duty at all play times.

- **School Photos:** Parents asked why so early in the year for photos? John explained that every year it changes – one year summer uniform and one year winter uniform and we can’t have photos at the end of the year as we can’t fit it in.

- **Early arrivals:** John confirmed that between 8:00 am – 8:15 am all children that are dropped off at the school are to wait in front of the office (unsupervised). At 8:15 am a teacher will escort the children up to the undercroft area where they will be supervised.
• **School Netball Posts:** After March 2016 long-weekend – netball rings to be utilised in the Year 6 grass area for all to use and practice. Lucia Ewen and John Rose to organise. *(LE and JR)*

• **Netball Registration Meeting:** – Today, 16 February 2016: John Rose to visit Year 3 – 6 class rooms to remind them of tonight’s registration evening. *(JR)*

**5. Principal’s Report**

- Extremely smooth start to the year. I would like to thank the staff for the many hours of preparation during the holidays.
- Special thanks to Mr Ken Tonge who worked tirelessly to maintain and upgrade all facilities, outside K/PP, under croft, Kindy classroom and throughout the school.
- We completed an asbestos audit during the holidays to ensure we are continuing to meet safety standards. Carpets in Year 1-3 were replaced and are much better for all students.
- Termite inspection was completed – termites were found in a Banksia tree which is currently being treated. The school was all clear.
- Capital Development Plan has formally been approved by CEWA and will be completed for the Early Childhood classrooms by the commencement of the 2017 school year.
- Staff joined with other schools at our Commissioning Mass which was held last Tuesday at St Lawrence. It was a beautiful mass that was concluded with refreshments in our School Library.
- The school’s academic focus is on improving reading and comprehension skills throughout the school.
- Staff have already commenced testing which will occur until the end of week 5.
- Parent night for all classes from Year 1 – Year 6 occurred last week.
- Ash Wednesday Mass was held on Wednesday 10 February all students from Year 1-6 attended and Kindergarten & Pre-primary received the Ashes in their classrooms.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Miss Brenkley and her family as her father passed away on Sunday 31 January. I thank the families of the Year 2’s as we supported Anna during this time.
- As a staff we farewelled Fr Irek and thanked him for his spiritual leadership over the last six years on 3 February.
- The Parish is now led by Fr Emil and assisted by Fr Chris.
- The Levelled Literacy Initiative commenced week 2 this term to improve reading and comprehension.
- On Friday 29 January the whole staff with OLOL completed Protective Behaviours PD. It was horrifying the stats but extremely beneficial for staff.
- P & F Spit Night will be on this Friday evening. Should be a fantastic evening with great weather. Thanks to the P & F for organising this community event.
- I would greatly value your opinion on PD for parents eg parent nights etc

**6. Treasurer’s Report**

- Current working balance as at 31 January 2016: **$ 4,896.37**
7. **Wish List**

- **Year 1:** 4 x cushions and succulent plants – approx. $150.00 – approved to purchase. *John Rose to inform R. Pizzino.* *(JR)*
- **Year 5:** Cushions and purchase of English books – approx. $320.00 – approved to purchase. *John Rose to inform E. Reid.* *(JR)*
- **Community Notice Board:** Joann Gregorio suggested a community notice board. This is for all families at St Lawrence School to use for advertising their own businesses and other useful information. Looking at placing this notice board near the canteen. *If anyone is interested in donating the notice board that would be great.* *(ALL) John Rose to work out dimensions and notify Joanne Gregorio.* *(JR)*

Meeting ended at 9.40 a.m.