



*JJ Cahill Memorial High School
Parents and Citizens Association*

Minutes of Meeting: 31st October 2017

Present: Mr. Ralph David, Dora Kelaiditis, Mara Kelaiditis, Chris Kelaiditis, Helen Karonis and Starla Baziotis

Apologies: Olivia Patten, Mr. John Mifsud

Review Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Mara

Seconded: Dora

President's Mail:

Mail In - fundraising pamphlets

Principal's Report:

- Bursaries - Mr David Gracie is in charge now with a team working on them
- Mrs. Meg Tyson - Now a new deputy principal - the school has a need for two deputy principal's now
- Cafe/Mindfulness centre
- 3 staff kitchens need replacing
- Girls toilets - doors need fixing
- Revamp the school appearance
 - Cages - make the school look like a prison
 - Blinds - blue colour?
 - Wood work building is an eyesore
 - Planning on inputting a mural at the front of the school - artist to plan with student input
 - Concrete overpass/bricks - look a bit drab
 - Electronic signage - can afford them; looking at getting 2 of them (\$30,000)
- Strategic direction - data and community consults
 - Focus groups with parents talking about negative things that they think or see for JJCMHS
- Media team - strategy using data to put forward 4 positive messages using evidence
- Positive psychology - building resilience
 - Study skills to decrease anxiety by Year 12

- Get students out there, in uniform, raising money for charities and other things such as Legacy
- Each year group to have a chosen charity
- PBL - everyone including staff will know H.E.R.O.
 - Sentral - up to date checks on everything in the school; attendance, results, reports marks, behaviour tracking, excursions, period-by-period roll marking and parent portal
- SMS's sent to parents with regards to their child's attendance - ⅔ decrease of lateness since implementing this strategy
- Hoping to have an attendance strategy to get more students attending school on time
- Teachers to provide students with explicit and timely feedback and results for assessments and homework
- School Counsellor - 2 days per week (already available)
 - Want to employ a social worker (\$20,000/year) to go into student's houses to help them with their problems
- Every Year Advisor will go through a Mental Health First Aid Course this year - help prevent and deal with mental health problems
- Uniform - it is all about the image that we give to the community; how the students wear the hoodie can show a lesser image than if they didn't wear one

Treasurer's Report:

See Attached

General Business:

- Big Night Out
 - 15 minute intermission was not long enough between the two sets
 - Usually get 30 minutes
 - People didn't get to buy much during the break
- Uniform - school skirts are worn too high (short) which makes it look bad in the streets - need to figure out a way to get them to stop this
- Year 12 Study area - purchase a microwave for their study space - could possibly relocate to the ex HSIE staff room
- Year 12 Mentors - must be in by Friday
- Flexi Timetable - all Year 12 students will get the opportunity of a Flexi Timetable Mr. David to finalise the process

Next Meeting: Term 1, 2018

Meeting Closed at: 8pm