INABURRA PARENTS & FRIENDS

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, 18 March 2016
at 9.30am at Café Y, Menai

Attendees and apologies: See Parents & Friends Attendance Book. Quorum for meeting was reached.

Chair: Barbara Curtis, President (PL), Parents & Friends
Secretary: Chris Yee

1. The minutes of the previous meeting on 23 February 2016, were accepted as a true record of that meeting.
   Motion: put forward by Barbara Curtis (BC), seconded by Debbie Alvarez (DA).

Special item: Windows into Innovative Practise

2. Mr Burns gave a presentation on the concept of “Flipped Classrooms”; how it’s definition began as a simple reversal of school activities (taking the lesson at home, doing the “homework” in the classroom) to it’s current interpretation as moving from group space to individual space learning (for example, watching a lesson via video, specifically catering to the student’s needs, allowing live data/feedback).

Some of the advantages of flipped classrooms are:
- Content can be prepared
- Explicit differentiation (set to cater to each student’s strengths/weakness, learning pace, access to different teachers and teaching styles)
- Effective use of time
- Use of technology
- Can catch up on missed lessons
- Can ask individual questions without reluctance of being embarrassed in front of peers
- Less opportunity for naughty students derailing class
- Allows teachers to spend more time with struggling students

A possible disadvantage is not being able to interact with teachers directly/immediately, less group interaction, requires to student to be self-motivated, and new processes take time for people to understand.

Surveys done of the “flipped classroom” were focused on quality (80% found it a positive experience) but, as of this moment, there were no definitive quantitative results.

Mr Burns noted that this style of teaching isn’t going to work for everyone, nor would it work for every lesson style. But it was one strategy which was showing good results – especially against the current model of 1 teacher trying to deal with 30 individuals.
General business

3. **Principal’s Q&A:** Mr Bowden gave an update on the *Inaburra Building Project*; he noted the building digging was almost completed; the site noise should be hopefully reduced. Mr Bowden was aiming for the landscaping to be done by May 24 2017, which would allow the project be finished in time for the schools 35 Year celebration.

Mr Bowden gave a summary of a *Teaching Forum* he attended in Canberra. It was acknowledged that school funding was not going to be a major election policy amongst the Federal political parties this year and, in some ways, this could be seen as a positive thing as there would be no surprises during the next election cycle. Another section of the forum discussed the different skills that students would need to succeed in the future; such as innovation, science, R&D.

Mr Bowden also answered some questions regarding his blog entry on gender equality and his advocacy for the *HeForShe* movement. There was a lengthy discussion on how gender equality plays out in Inaburra hiring processes and electives chosen by female students.

4. **Inaburra Fete and Open Day**
Barbara Curtis (BC) noted that the Fete would utilise an *online roster system* which would hopefully make it easier for stall coordinators and parents to work out their rosters.

BC also mentioned that the Lolly Stall and Choc-Toss Stall needed a coordinator.

Mr Coote stated an itinerary of student activities would be provided to parents as soon as possible.

5. **Inaburra Movie Night:** Saturday 2 April 2016, with the movie to start at 7pm. Vera Auerbach (VA) noted that almost 200 tickets had been sold. The movie to be shown is *Oddball*.

Barbara Curtis (BC) noted that more volunteers were needed if anyone was available or knew anyone who could help.

6. **End of Term Coffee and Cake:** Chris Yee (CY) mentioned that the school would provide tea, coffee and cake to parents just before school pick-up (2pm) on the last day of term. The event would be just outside the PAC; all parents were welcome to attend.

7. **Mother Day Stall:** Barbara Curtis (BC) noted that Melissa Frost had purchased/collection all the items for the stall. The *Mother’s Day stall* is run for K-6 students and has been scheduled for Wednesday 4 May. Students are to bring in $6 per item they wish to purchase.
8. **Any Other Matters:**

8a. **Junior School End of Year Celebration:** Barbara Curtis (BC) noted the deposit for the Junior School End of Year Celebration has been paid. Tickets will be approximately $45-$50 per parent. Teachers tickets will be supplied to them. Scheduled for Friday 25 November at Hazlehurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre Café.

8b. **Inaburra School Avenues of Support for P&F:** A discussion was held on ways for school to show more support of P&F activities. Executive Staff to discuss possible options such as using Twitter and other online media.

8c. **Trivia Night artwork:** Barbara Curtis (BC) made mention of the student artwork to be sold at the Inaburra Trivia Night. The art would be based around artists the students were studying. BC will be following up on parent volunteers to assist with the artwork and was waiting for Mrs Davis to provide available days and times. Was aiming to start in the 4th week of term 2 (Wednesday and Fridays).

The meeting closed at [11:15am]

**Next meeting:** Monday 16 May, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start at the PAC. Topic: Fete Post-review

Signed as a true record of the meeting.

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**President**

[These minutes were approved at the P&F meeting of 16 May 2016]