

Minutes of General Meeting

Date	Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Time	6.30 pm
Place	Online Microsoft Teams Meeting		

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Sebastiaan opened the meeting in prayer at 6:35pm

2. **Attendance and Apologies:**

Attendees:

School Representatives			
Paul Browning	Headmaster	Stephen Brown	Parent Liaison
Nigel Grant	Exec Director of Faith and Comm		

Committee Members			
Sebastian Fick	President and Rugby	Mel Bolton	Music
Kathy Wright	SPSSA Secretary	Louisa Pike	Treasurer
Bill Fry	Volleyball	Russell McCurdie	Past Students
Nicole Stevens	JSSG	Fleur Harvey	Parent Connections
Glen Neville	Hockey	Amanda Carter	Football
Brittany Morgan	Past Students		

Apologies:

School Representatives			
Alice Killich	School Liaison		

Committee Members			
Glen Guy	Netball	Nirla Hauser	
Lisa Smith	Football (co-chair)		
Leigh Lillas	Touch Football		
Debbie Burches	Tennis		
Krishna Lakhotia	Cricket		

3. **Headmaster's Report: Paul Browning**

- Good time away and good to be back among the St Paul's Community
- New building becoming a real community hub now – changing the shape of the school in many ways

- Rugby and netball dinners went well
- Subject selection for year 10s today and tonight
- Exams for year 11 and 12 coming up shortly

4. President's Report: Sebastiaan Fick

- School running it's busy schedule
- Many events
- Thanks to Louisa for doing June financials
- Developments with Amanda Bell – looking at the purpose of SPSSA

5. Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting 23rd May 2023 as distributed with this Agenda.

- *Approved by consensus. Moved Seb Fick Second Fleur Harvey*

6. Business Arising from previous minutes:

SPSSA futures project

- Dr Amanda Bell – consultant (ex principal) assist us in running these reimagining our purpose sessions
- Look at the structure of The Association – think broadly as to what is our purpose and what is our role?
- Nigel has secured a couple of dates that we could met – 21st August and 4th September (2 Monday evenings a fortnight apart)
- First session set the scene and the second to be more in depth
- Start at 5pm for hour before a meal then another hour – out by 8:30pm
- A lot of supporter groups have become quite focussed on their own little area – can we look at broadening our focus and how can we do what we need to do better?
- Have this ready for the constitutional changes for the AGM next year

7. FIXED ORDER OF THE MEETING: no fixed order

8. Correspondence

Incoming –

- 24.07.23 Company interested in sponsorship

Outgoing – no outgoing correspondence

- 13.07.23 to SPSSA committee re: publicity and media restrictions – send to Nicole

9. Treasurer's Report:

- Unallocated deposits – please get your treasurer's to check
- Treasurer is still having challenges getting the paperwork in for SG events
- Also require the end of event merchant settlements as there are many still outstanding amounts waiting for allocation
- Please bank cash as soon as possible and send in the cash form to Louisa asap after the event
- Reports cannot be produced until this documentation is submitted
- Square terminals – Sebastiaan to send Louisa the list of who's using them this term
- Reporting a little bit different this month – transactional report for each SG available now

Moved by Sebastiaan Fick seconded: Brittany Morgan

10. Supporter Group Reports:

Cadets: suspended

Cricket: (Krishna Lakhotia)

- No report

Football: (Amanda/Lisa) apology from Lisa

- Football doing well
- Highest numbers ever
- Getting ready for blue day 19th August
- Dinner on the 9th September at Kedron Wavell
- Home game this weekend

Hockey: (Glen N)

- Looking at having AGM in October/November
- Finance queries have been sent to Louisa
- End of season breakfast for players and coaches at the end of the season

Junior School: (Nicole) & Swimming

- Details – Disco 17th March – huge and went well
- Second hand uniform stall 26th April – successful and great money maker for JSSG
- Mother's Day stall 11th May – producing presents that were not damaging for the environment
- Father's Day stall up and coming later in the term
- 4 athletic canteens were run last term and earlier this term – looking at getting the school sporting calendar so SG is able to have more warning for preparations and calling of volunteers
- Approved expenditure for module seating in the Junior School library – will host JSSG meetings in the library now
- Reasonably healthy bank account at present – survey to all teachers to get them to lodge a request for grants for their classroom/class

Music: (Mel)

- Huge term 2 – Music in the Dark (Bar and BBQ) fantastic event though light on parent volunteers sadly this year
- Solo Comp last Friday of term (Bar)
- Visit from school on tour from Perth and worked with our senior ensembles (including pizza)
- Fundraising for grand piano for Walker Centre – piano now purchased (MSG paid 50% and the School 50%)
- Next event is Con Brio – year 12 final performance (bar and cheese)

Netball: (Glen G)

- No report

Parent Connections: (Fleur)

- Meeting last night
- Went over the workshops that Nigel was running
- Weekly sporting events and a bus service – too expensive to run this – look at carpooling instead
- Parent teacher interviews – pros and cons on how that went.
- Big projects – next year look at engaging someone to look at education for wider school not just junior school
- Father's Day breakfast in the pipeline – parent connection morning (for any parents across the whole school)
- Blue Cards for the committee (Kathy to send Mark Barratt the blue card details)
- Issues with the toilets but this has improved

- Get students to take responsibility for the rubbish
- Northern Fields – need funding for infrastructure power and water
- Stephen involved with the epic parent engagement project

Past Student (Brittany)

- Blue Day function – meeting tomorrow to discuss what the PSSG will do (Bar etc)
- Hat and Polo shirts for PSSG
- Creation of PSSG students website
- Number of strategies – developing past history archive and how to keep past students in touch with the school

Rugby: (Seb)

- Dinner was a success
- Year 9 rugby tour to Tweed Heads
- Expand the tour to 2 or 3 games
- Visit for service learning and do a place called Resilient in Lismore where the boys cleaned a flood effected house
- School/SPSSA to put together a resource for learning service places where SGs could access when on tours.

Tennis: (Debbie)

- No report

Touch Football: (Leigh) apology

- No report

Volleyball: (Bill Fry)

- End of year function 7th October
- Numbers increased this year
- First team represented the school
- Flyers with date claimers will be distributed
- Girls term this year
- Players doing ref courses and past students doing coach courses
- Concern about joining SGs together and how that would work with the growing momentum with players and sponsors
- Financially doing okay – funded some more equipment and storage cages for storing equipment

General Business:

1. Governance

Handbook & Constitution changes: for updating and review – wait now until repurposing of SPSSA discussions have been held

11. Applications for Membership and Recording of New Members:

No applications received

12. Meeting Closed: 7:35pm

13. Next Meeting:

General Meeting | Tuesday October 24th 6:30pm Centre for Innovation