

**MINUTES OF THE FAHAN PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2013**

**Attendees:**

Carl Cazaly (President), Nicole Spence (Secretary), Susan Hodgman, Tony Freeman (Principal), Kathy Foster (Deputy Principal), Laura Bird (Communications Officer), Shellie Vincent, Maggie Davis, DRB, Claire McCulloch, Elaine Killalea, Kirsten McTaggart

## Apologies:

Gillian Vosper (Vice President), Baddiley (Treasurer), Hannah Bale, NH, Shirl Badenach

Item 1	<p><b><u>Minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2013 were amended to note that in Item 10, the P&amp;F committed to pay half of the cost of a \$550 cake i.e. \$225.</p> <p>The Minutes, as amended, were confirmed to be an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Kirsten McTaggart, seconded by Elaine Killalea.</p>
Item 3	<p><b>Correspondence In/Out</b></p> <p>Nil</p>
Item 4  R   A – Tony, Carl	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee confirmed that P&amp;F will sponsor two end of year prizes, being the traditional Year 12 P&amp;F prize for excellence and the new prize for a Year 9 Lumina student.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That the committee approves expenditure of up to \$200 for P&amp;F end of year prizes, which shall be chosen by Fahan staff.</p> <p>Moved: Carl Cazaly                      Seconded: Nicole Spence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee discussed the possibility of family subscriptions to P&amp;F being added to the start of year school accounts to establish a small annual fund enabling free school community building events to be held without the pressure of fundraising. This was endorsed by the 2012 committee, but not implemented. Carl and Tony to discuss the matter with Fahan Business manager, Duncan McGill.</li> </ul>
Item 5	<p><b>Principal's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tabled</li> <li>Note: 2014 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fahan Parent's and Friends.</li> </ul>
Item 6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deferred to next meeting. Copies of reports will be emailed to members.</li> </ul>

Item 7	<p><b><u>Communications Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled</li> <li>• Note: Printed tea towels and aprons were popular for Alumni fundraising. Have been successful in Junior School also, but not done in recent years. Good fundraiser for 2014. Nicole to source.</li> </ul>
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Item 9	<p><b><u>Other Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Plan launch – date change – Wed 6<sup>th</sup> November, 3-6pm. Laura to email P&amp;F committee if their help is needed.</li> <li>• P&amp;F End of Year function <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communications has created a personal invitation to send to major donors and sponsors of P&amp;F this year. Flier to all families</li> <li>○ Committee to email Carl the names of people we want to thank</li> <li>○ BBQ and drinks event on Boarders Flat if fine, in Plaza if not.</li> <li>○ Carl to alert butcher re: BBQ order</li> <li>○ Rest of planning at next meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Coffee Machine – Maggie has purchased and received the new coffee machine. Possible use at end of year event, subject to enough trained operators. Care and cleaning of machine discussed. Offering barista training for girls discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elaine to source a grinder (purchase approved last meeting)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The committee reviewed accounts to determine what funds were available for the Capital Appeal, with \$24,000 held after committed expenses were estimated.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That the P&amp;F donate a further \$15,000 to the Fahan Capital Appeal.</p> <p>Moved: Shellie Vincent,      seconded: Susan Hodgman</p> <p>Action: Karen Baddiley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DRB has received the 10 Collins Debnam diaries which will be available for cash only sale in the Fahan Office for \$20 (cost price \$12.80, but subsidised by DRB to \$10). If the trial is well received, a larger fundraising opportunity exists for 2014. DRB will prepare an A3 advertisement for the office.</li> <li>• Wi-Fi – DRB and Nicole reported back briefly on the microwave radiation measurements conducted by Donald Maisch (funded by DRB). Using a gauss meter, he demonstrated the EMF produced and received by modems, wi-fi portable devices and DECT phones. They reported that the measurements taken showed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IPAD had lower EMR than the laptop</li> <li>• The laptop had higher EMR when using wi-fi but not when connected via Ethernet</li> <li>• The IPAD had extreme spikes of EMR every 10 seconds or so</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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A - Tony	<p>when using wi-fi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turning off the Wi-Fi on the IPAD reduced EMR to low levels</li> <li>• When all devices had Wi-Fi turned off, EMR from the modem was greatly reduced</li> <li>• EMR was highest in close proximity to the device and reduced rapidly as distance from the device increased</li> </ul> <p>Nicole and DRB noted that studies indicate that 3 in 100 people may be more sensitive to EMR, which is difficult to avoid in an increasingly “smart” world. Dr Maisch noted that low attention span and headaches and hormone issues are attributed to EMR presence.</p> <p>With most students now encountering EMR both at home and at school, they recommended that students and parents be educated about precautions and simple ways to reduce exposure, and that Dr Maisch be engaged to assist in this process, with P&amp;F paying the consultation fee.</p> <p>Tony agreed to engage the Fahan IT staff in discussions with Dr Maisch.</p>
	Meeting closed.

N. Spence