

Kristin Family & Friends Minutes - Meeting 1/15

19 February 2015

Attendance

Nick Shave, Tim Oughton, Pamela Peryman, Adam Heath, Diana Patchett, Brendan Kelly plus a group of 45 parents. Apologies received from a number of parents attending Swim Sports and Camp meetings.

Welcome, Deputy Chair Nick Shave

Minutes of Previous Meeting confirmed

Welcome, Executive Principal Tim Oughton

Tim introduced his wife Heather to guests, gave a brief summary of his background and highlighted his particular areas of interest for the school moving forward;

Positive education – Kristin as a school modelling wellbeing and happiness

Technology - continue to lead in this field

Creative Technologies – facilitate growth in all areas

Professional Learning - the best internal community possible

A significant community fundraising project.

Tim introduced a comprehensive Wellbeing Programme into his previous school and would like to see this introduced to the Kristin community. He has recommended the following book and website as useful introductory material for all parents:

'Flourish' by Martin Seligman
www.authentichappiness.com

Visit to The Hub Techspace

All parents attended a walk-through of this new facility and were given an overview of the teaching programme by Head of Arts and Technology and internationally recognised leader in his field, Andrew Churches. Of particular interest was the layout and design, this is an example of a state of the art, 21st century teaching environment. It was noted that Kristin is the only school in the Southern hemisphere teaching IB Computer Science, all NCEA and IB classes are oversubscribed and response to all programmes has been overwhelmingly positive.

Great opportunities exist for students to extend and enhance their academic work between the The Hub Techspace and the recently opened Canon Cloud Suite.

KFF Overview

Nick and Pamela gave a brief overview of the role and structure of KFF in the community and the structure of the Association. The KFF Rules are available on the website (www.kristin.school.nz/KFF) and all Meeting Minutes and contact details are also posted there.

Pamela explained the process for the appointment of the 2015 Chair, following the departure of our previous Chair, as Deputy, Nick Shave has stepped into the role until the

AGM. Pamela said she is on a 'recruitment drive' for new executive committee members and actively encouraged parents to think about stepping up into these roles and assisting Nick Shave in the work of the KFF.

Expressions of Interest for the role of Chairman will be advertised soon, all applicants will meet with Tim Oughton who, in accordance with KFF Rules will appoint the 2015 Chair at the AGM. All other executive committee roles are elected by members at the AGM.

Pamela discussed some key events coming up this year:

- In March, all parents will receive an Annual Giving Appeal brochure, this is a new fundraising initiative aimed at supporting at least two key projects. Funds raised each year will support small projects outside the schools capital works budget. In 2015 we will support the Kristin Foundation Scholarship Fund and a new ANZAC Day Commemorative Garden to be established outside the Old Gym. All parents are encouraged to contribute as they see fit to this Appeal in this and in future years.
- Tim Oughton will be hosting 'Tim's Breakfasts' in the Boardroom for small groups on a fortnightly basis, early morning daycare is available at the Kindergarten. It will take time to work through the database, parents will receive invitations by mail.
- IB/NCEA History Teacher and Head of Curriculum Richard Darrow is hosting a lecture about the role of the ANZACS in World War I, this is a great opportunity to hear one of our most popular and highly regarded teachers speak about a subject on which he is an absolute expert. All welcome.
- A Mid Winter Dinner is scheduled for Term 2, our Blokes Breakfast and Ladies Lunch for Term 3 and a Golf Day for Term 4 this year. Nick Shave will be looking for a subcommittee to assist with the Lunch and the Golf Day, please register your interest with her.

Coordinators met independently for planning sessions for the Term ahead.

Meeting Closed 10.30am

Coordinators have been confirmed for the year ahead and lists distributed. Any parents who have not yet received their confirmation may contact the school offices or Trudi Petrie. Copies of the Coordinator Handbook are available on the website.

www.kristin.school.nz/KFF/Coordinators

Adam and Diana thanked all volunteers for their commitment to the school and drew their attention to the Handbook as a sound guide for ideas, activities and events. A reminder to include Gaynor and Kate in your communications so both Principals are aware of what is happening in their areas or aware if dates in case they are able to attend functions.

As a conduit between the parents and the school, all Coordinators are reminded of the importance of 'communication, not speculation' and should feel free to contact either Principal for clarification on any matters of concern.

A reminder also about the guidelines on Privacy; always use the BCC function when emailing to groups, and encourage families to use the FriendConnect function through MyChild to source the contact details of other families.

Communicating a summary of meetings in a way that suits your parents is helpful and if it works for you then consider the appointment of one person per year level who may like to take on the task of communicating on behalf of all coordinators with the entire class or year level.

Middle School

Camp

This is a big week for the school, students and parents. Please lookout for new families who may not be familiar with the procedures around Camp Week.

Try Days and Discovery Days

These have proven to be a tremendous success and a very good way of showing prospective families what we have on offer. Some places are available in March, if you have friends or family members interested in registering please just let us know.

Mindfulness Training

Commencing in Years 7 & 8, this is part of an overall programme that has been trialled in Year 7 aimed at giving students strategies for better controlling their emotions. Further reading can be found on Tony Fernando's website at

www.authentic happiness.sas.upenn.edu

Report Comments

Year 10 students will be completing a brief 'overall summative comment' for their mid-year Tutor reports. This will be completed during an English lesson and in line with MYP philosophies gives them an opportunity to articulate and reflect on their learning.

Junior School

Family Picnic coming up and parents are encouraged to support the Cake Stall fundraiser. This is the only opportunity to raise some funds for one off charitable contributions that may emerge over the year ahead.

Co-curricular Activities

Diana is looking for feedback on the recent Sport and Activities Information Evening, significant improvements were made to the running of the evening and the registration process with the objective being a consistent and positive experience for all parents and students.

Registrations are now closed and confirmations for registrations are pending. Any remaining spaces will be advertised shortly. Monday lunchtimes have been kept free for skill sessions based on skill development for key sport codes, coaches and staff will be in attendance and students are encouraged to attend.

Traffic

The school is aware of the significant problems around the road works on the Albany Highway. All construction now stops between 2.45 and 3.45 but we are mindful of the risks to students and are monitoring the area.

A report from Auckland Transport will be available to the Business Manager next week which will update us on progress and this information will be circulated via the newsletter.

Both schools have recently purchased more bike racks to accommodate the increased number of students riding to school. When completed, the Highway will accommodate bike lanes, bus lanes, pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

Issues around bus capacity and crowding were mentioned and will be addressed by Principals.

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