

THE FORT STREET FOUNDATION, INC.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DIRECTORS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7:30 PM
IN THE FORTIAN ROOM OF
FORT STREET HIGH SCHOOL**

PRESENT

George Jaksic	Fortians Union Director
Karen DiStefano	Relieving Principal
Don Newby	School Council Director
Catriona Arcamone	Staff Director

IN ATTENDANCE

Jenny Curtis	P&C
Jules Davies	Executive Officer

WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Colin Long, Mark Lindsay and Pauline Leung

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held in March will be redistributed prior to being confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

As agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the 1981 reunion group who are hiring the Hall for their reunion on Saturday 22 October. Michael Kirby will be their guest speaker.

The 2006 reunion group also made an enquiry to hire the gym but has not continued with their plans.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Relieving Principal reported that there is an ongoing conversation with the Canteen Management to help improve the service and introduce online ordering. Shakespeare Day was very successful with staff and students making a big effort with costumes and performances. John Bell spoke and performed for the school.

Wear It Purple Day was also a successful event. The assembly addressed diversity and acceptance and student groups presenting included STIVE and the Diversity Group. The content of the assembly was emailed to parents in advance. Two parents asked that their children not attend the assembly.

20 students displayed their Visual Arts work last week. The CAPA exhibition and English extension 2 showcase have also been well received.

The Chamber Choir received a Highly Commended at the Sydney Eisteddfod and also won the people's choice award.

The Robotics team are competing this weekend. Tournament of the Minds took place at SGHS. We entered 4 teams and received two Highly Commended awards. The Year 9 FSHS team won the Mental Health Public Speaking competition. We are trialling the LMBR timetable package but the school is not cutting over 100% until we are sure that the new system is working without problems. Year 12 are in their closing few weeks with the breakfast, assembly and graduation all about to take place. The Principal has prepared a speech that will be read by the Relieving Principal in her absence. The Relieving Principal congratulated Ike on winning the Wests Ashfield Community Citizen Award. Ike completed an online application for the award and attended an interview. The school has received a request from a Year 12 student to consider renaming Barton House which will be discussed by the School Council. Taikoz have contacted the IMP suggesting that there could be an ongoing relationship between them and the school. The Principal will discuss this with the IMP coordinator.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Executive Officer ran through the financial report. The Relieving Principal commented that German language will not be running for Year 11 in 2017. German is an option for the new Year 7 students. The German bursary is to support a student on the German tour, but this will need to be reassessed in the future if German student numbers are in decline.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Funds were approved for the increased Executive Officer's fee of \$15000pa, IMP bursaries of \$750 and \$250 for student Kevin Zhu for robotics travel.

OTHER BUSINESS

There are two new prizes that have been donated to the school. The Rowley Richards Prize will be awarded to a senior student for diligence, perseverance and compassion. The Kirby Singleton Prize will be awarded to one male and one female Year 12 student for originality. Details for this prize are on the school website.

Next meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 2 November 2016. (Later moved to Wednesday 7 December)