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Loxton Lutheran School Council Notes Tuesday 31st January 2017

1. Attendance: Chris Fulham, Terry Sawade, Tania Klix, Sarah Kruschel, Rebecca Arnold, Geoff Flight, Karen Scholz, Jenni Hampel, Andrea Athanasopoulos (Staff rep for Semester 1), Jodie Battams

2. Apologies: Paul Kaesler, Martin Borgas

3. Business items discussed:

St Peter's Mission Fund – a meeting has been held between representatives from St Peter's Lutheran Church Governing Council and Loxton Lutheran School. A proposal, in its infancy, is for a funded part time role to act as a liaison between the School and Parish with a view to facilitating greater active involvement and communication flow to and from the school and each of the Parish congregations. Further discussions are required.

Loxton Lutheran School & Parish AGM – our AGM's are being held on Thursday 17th March at 7pm in the School's ELC. Two Parish members whose terms are complete, have indicated they will not be stand for re-election. In addition, one Parish member has indicated their intention to stand down half way through their term. This results in the School having 3 positions that will be vacant. Expressions of interest have been sought through the Happenings and by approaching some people directly.

Recruitment Process for new School Principal – Chairperson Rebecca Arnold is meeting with John Proeve from the LSA on February 10th to discuss this process.

Trial Homework Policy – This term the school will be trialling a Reading Only Home-work Policy. There are numerous reasons for this change which includes research that there is a greater need for work/relaxation balance for children, no conclusive evidence of improved academic results and to remove the added pressure of homework for busy families with the aim of enjoying quality time together. The policy will be reviewed at the end of the term.

Reports received via email:

- Principal's report – Enrolments on the first day of school were 145. Our staff representative for Semester 1 is Andrea Athanasopoulos. Discussions are taking place with the staff in the planning of an Open Afternoon being held in Term 2 incorporating a Chapel service and possibly a shared meal with School families, friends of the School and Parish members invited. The Council ratified 5 student free days over the year with Personal Development training for staff being held on these days.
- Finance report – Council have approved the purchase of new computers for our computer room in a lease agreement with Office Everything.
- Staff report – Andrea reported that a smooth start to the School year had occurred with students and staff settling into new routines/classes.

4. Next meeting: Tuesday 28th February 2017