

Hello and welcome to the community meeting for 2016.

This is my last year at Matthew Gibney having been here with my wife Janine and daughter Amber since 2008, on the board since 2011 and as chairman since 2013 so this is both a happy and sad day for my family. Happy that we have been a part of a great school and excellent school community, sad because it has come to an end. So here we go one last time...

As you will know because you come to this meeting every year, I like to review the board meeting minutes to remind myself of the work of the board and what's happened here at MGCPS.

Again this review has been a relatively simple process because a well-oiled machine doesn't make much noise, so at board level, simple is wonderful news and a sign of a well-run school. This year is no exception.

This year we have:

- welcomed new assistant principal Mrs Karen Keddie to our school;
- Rolled out the new strategic plan;
- Rolled out the new school uniform;
- Produced new marketing materials for the school;
- Enjoyed the first movie night thanks to the P&F;
- Gone high tech with the Matthew Gibney app and online meeting booking system;
- Enjoyed the first school and community fair thanks to days and weeks of hard work by Karen and the P&F;
- Completed Marks performance review and I'm pleased to say his contract has been extended for another 5 years;
- Continued with our regular maintenance program that keeps Matthew Gibney looking so good;
- We continue to support our parish with many children completing sacraments;
- We have had excellent support from our P&F and parent volunteers; and
- And the school has continued to perform well financially.

All in all a well-run school that we can all be proud of.

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So now there is not much to do other than thank you's

Thank you to:

- The board for donating your time and expertise, to Janine, Rob, Karen L, Gavin, Danette, Gareth, Paul V, Paul A, Angelina, Keith and Michelle along with Karen K, Dianne and Mark, thank you;
- Gareth who took over from Rob as treasurer and who has done an great job providing oversight to the financials;
- Janine for her work as secretary;
- Gavin our P&F rep for translating the good work of the P&F to the board;
- Michelle for her work as the parish rep; and
- A special thanks to Karen Leggett who gets involved in everything and throws herself whole heartedly into everything she does, thanks Karen;
- To departing board members: Rob, Karen and Danette. Thank you for your contribution over a number of years;
- And of course thank you to the P&F for your great work and ongoing support.
- And last but certainly not least, thank you to Mark, all of the staff and teachers here at MGCPS for yet another successful year.

Thank you all so much, and best of luck for next year and the future.