Welcome everyone to the 2015 St Pius X Catholic Primary School AGM. Thank you all for attending tonight. My name is Nick Sertis and I have the privilege of being the school board chair at St Pius X. I currently have one son in Year 2 and going into Year 3 next year and my youngest son starting in Kindy next year.

Firstly, I would like to introduce my fellow board members (can you please stand for a few seconds when I call your name) – Nicole Ho (Secretary), Graham Moore (Treasurer), Clive Bingwa, Steven Zaninovich, Peter Hopfmuller (who was unable to attend tonight) and our ex officio members Parish Priest, Father Blasco and Principal, Daine Burnett, also Acting Principal Brett Wilkie & Assistant Principal Tiffany Johnson and more recently Kim Hughes (Acting Assistant Principal) who always attend as part of their leadership roles, Our P&F representative and President of the P&F, Lidia Pino and our Parish representative, Steve Logan.

Tonight you will also hear from our Treasurer, Graham Moore and Acting Principal, Brett Wilkie.

School Board

For the new parents to the school this year and as a general update for the rest of the school community I thought I would just touch on the role of the board.

The School Board is accountable to the Catholic Education Commission of WA (CECWA) - and the Principal as an Ex-Officio member is answerable to the School Board in the areas that are designated in the Constitution.

The general objective of the Board is to assist the School to fulfil its educational responsibilities in accordance with the Catholic School Board Constitution.

The School Board’s primary responsibility is to provide financial management and strategic direction to the school via the leadership team who is ultimate charged with the operational responsibilities and running the school day to day. The financial governance of the school covers reviewing and monitoring operating budgets and also development of a Capital Expenditure Plan and Strategic Plan for the school over the next 3-5 years. It also involves managing all of the finances related to the school with assistance from Margaret Tatasciore and of course our treasurer Graham Moore.
In addition, the Strategic planning for the present and future Operation of the school.

Forming part of the selection panel for the employment of staff to the school.

Advising the Principal with respect to School Policy.

In addition, the board also supports the Principal where required in relation to the running of the school. This support extends to providing advice and ensuring that school operates within CECWA policies and guidelines. To this end the obligations of the school board are contained in the Catholic School Board Constitution, a copy of which can be found on our school website.

This year the school board worked meticulously to ensure that St Pius X is well prepared for the future. To achieve this more effectively the board broke up into smaller subcommittees outside of the standard board meetings to work more intensively across a number of activities which included the Strategic Plan and Capital Development Plan. I would like to thank those members for making such a large contribution of their time to ensure we continue to provide a high standard of education and facilities for our children and staff.

**Capital Development Plan**

As we are all aware the school is limited in its physical space – and for a number of years the Board and Leadership team has been persistent in its attempt to purchase new land in the surrounding areas however on each occasion it has been vetoed.

So our goals this year with the Capital Development Plan was to devise a strategy that could make the most of the areas we have available, such as the area to the back of the library which will form part of the new Library extension and provide a new Resource learning space and multipurpose facility.

The plan will also see upgrades to the classrooms, staff room and toilet area amongst other changes. Our vision for the new capital development was to ensure that we continue to provide the best facilities we can offer our children and staff given the limitations we work within both from a budgetary and spatial point of view.

Brett will elaborate more on this later.

Thanks goes to Steve Zaninovich and Peter Hopfmuller, Brett, Daine for their work and many meetings that we had to keep this plan on track.
Strategic Plan

Also this year with the assistance of Carlene Dyer from CECWA, and a dedicated sub-committee representing teachers, parents, and the board with some input from our Year 5 and Year 6 students. – We worked together to devise a Strategic Plan that focuses on the development of our Shared Vision and Values that were launched last year to the School Community.

Our values of SEARCH – are:

Service, Excellence, Authenticity, Relationship, Courage, Hope

The aim of the strategic plan was to provide some clear goals and strategies that will ensure that the Leadership team and Teachers provide the best holistic education for our children over the next 3+ years.

Thanks go to - Daine Burnett, Brett Wilkie, Tiffany Johnson, Trish (Tricia) Christian, Adrienne Breglia, Kim Hughes, Graham Moore, Lidia Pino, Nicole Ho, Karen Abercromby, Lisa Peacock, Tara Pike who provided valuable input when we met for a series of these meetings.

The leadership team now have the role of implementing the plan which will guide them in their efforts to ensure that St Pius X remains at the forefront of children’s education over the coming years.

Specialist Areas

We have also maintained and grown our specialist areas that we have been able to provide to the students which is an impressive achievement given the size of the school – such as:

Art, Science, Gifted and Talented, Italian, Music Classes / Instrumental Lessons and Phys-Ed.

Thanks to Brett, Tiffany, Alex, Coleen and Linda for initiating and supporting these.

Finances

Graham Moore our board Treasurer will talk shortly on the the school finances however I am very pleased to report that St Pius is in a sound financial position and has recorded a small surplus this year which is in line with our budgeted expectations.

I would like to thank Graham Moore our school board treasurer who has helped us focus on the items of importance and generally simplify the reporting process. You will hear from Graham shortly.
I would also like to thank Margaret for her continued hard work and contribution in supporting the board and managing school finances on a day-to-day basis.

I would like to ask Margaret to come forward to accept a small token of the Board’s appreciation and to recognise all the support she provides to the Board.

Marni Nichol has recently taken on some administrative responsibilities also and assisting Margaret in the Front Office. Marni I would also like to recognise your contributions – could you please come forward and accept this small gift.

As we strive to provide the best education we can to our students we are mindful of the cost pressures involved in delivering this, and we must continue to provide increasing value to the school community. This year the Board along with Daine, Brett and the leadership team have been persistently focused on ensuring that St Pius X remains a Catholic School of choice by the local community.

**Parents & Friends**

We have been very fortunate this year to have had an active and dedicated P&F team that has been led by Lidia Pino. Thanks to the P&F executive, Class Rep Coordinators, Class Reps, Uniform Shop, and all the volunteers that helped out with P&F activities throughout the year.

The board and school sincerely appreciate your efforts for what you have been able to achieve this year as an almost entirely new committee. I would also like to formally acknowledge the contributions that the P&F have made to the school this year.

**Parish**

Also thank you to Father Blasco who has provided the community with Spiritual guidance and a Parish connection to our school. Thank you Father.

**Teachers**

On behalf of the board I would also like to thank our dedicated team of teachers for your commitment, hard work and contribution to the school and towards our children’s development. Thank you!
**Principal**

Thank you also to our school principal, Daine Burnett who in his third year at the school and as you would be aware has been appointed for a further 5-year term. Daine has been relentless in his efforts to ensure the school is high achieving, is progressive in its thinking, and that it continues to operate within the CECWA policy and guidelines. At the forefront of all of this is our children’s education. Thanks Daine!

**Acting Principal**

I would also like to personally thank Brett Wilkie Acting Principal for his efforts in what has been a tough 4th Term with a number of challenging projects to look after as well as running the school whilst Daine has been on Long Service Leave. Thanks Brett!

**School Board Thanks**

In closing I would like to thank the Members of our School Board who have been a great support to myself, the Principal, Acting Principal and the leadership team. They have all made significant contributions at board and sub committee levels and have gone above and beyond what was required of them.

**Retiring Members**

A special thank you to our retiring board members – Clive Bingwa, Graham Moore and Peter Hopfmueller for their contributions to the board and school over a number of years. I wish you all the very best for the future. Please come forward to accept this small token of our appreciation.

Steve Logan is also retiring from the Parish committee and therefore as the Parish Representative on the Board. Thanks for all of your contributions. Lawrence Pang has been nominated by the Parish as the representative that will take up this role for 2016.

And to Steve Zaninovich who has renominated – I wish you well.

**Students**

And I would like to make a special mention about the students who contribute to making St Pius such a wonderful place. I believe it is a school we can all be proud of and I think its one that will continue to be envy of other schools in the region.
Parents

And finally we would like to thank you the parents for your individual contributions to the school no matter how big or small they are and as a School Board we are honoured to represent you and should be called upon if you have any ideas or concerns.

Closing

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank everyone involved with the school throughout the year and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I am sure 2016 will be very exciting.

Thank you

Nick Sertis
Chairman – St Pius X School Board
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