

P&C MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday 23 March 2016
School Library 7:30pm

1. Opening

- John Quinn Opened the Meeting @ 7:30pm
- Chairperson: Darren Mitchell
- Attendees:
Rachel Laing, Zeina Khor, Anna Ingram, Kim Waters, Jennifer Brown, David Feeney, Maureen Longo, David Longo, Fiona Berman, Jen Rowe, Leonie Kyraciou, Janine Pares, Michael Grogan, Nathan Allen, Rebecca McDonald, Shan Humphreys, Jenn Hazlewood, Mirko Nad, Corrina Franze, Darren Mitchell, Nerida Bodycote, Vandra Walker, Sarah Tanner, Amanda Justice, Marni Patterson, Simone Pardea, Margo Pasin, David Pearson, Clare Cody
- Apologies:
Anna Virgona, Ally Khan, Julie McMurray, Megan Wansborough, Jo Ferguson, Johnson Brown, Anna Virgona, Perry Delaney, Catherine Butera, Vicki Russell, Peter Wilson, Manuela Kelly, Karlos Kelly, Rose Valelis, Nick Valelis, Julie Farac, Rosaline Mitchell, Natalie Cooper, Cameron Hay, Nathan Allen, Corrina Franz, Zeina Khodr, Rebecca McDonald, David Pearson
- Attendance Book Signed

2. Adopt minutes from Previous P&C meeting (24.02.16)

Moved: Jen Rowe

Seconded: Fiona Berman

3. DPPS Out Of School Hours Care report, from Primary OshCare. (Requested Early Position)

- The NSW Government has a pool of \$3,000,000 available to help upgrade OOSH's in NSW schools. Dobroyd Point OOSH currently completed a grant form to apply for \$30,000 and will be used to upgrade the QLD room – especially the roof.
 - Dobroyd Point OOSC to continue to be a Silver Sponsor for the Bay Run. There are 36 schools in the OOSC network and Dobroyd OOSC will promote the Bay Run across these schools. NSW OOSC is also holding walking / running classes at these 36 OOSC facilities with the idea of getting the children ready to run the 2km race.
 - Digital sign in and out is being trialled at another OOSC with the idea of being rolled out at Dobroyd and other centres.
 - Health and Wellbeing program has now finished
- Kirsten is back – she is the Child Protection Officer

4. Business arising from previous P&C meeting (24.02.16)

- There was no business arising from the last P&C meeting

5. President's report

- Mrs Darragh's retirement
 - Darren formally recognised and thanked Mrs Darragh for her years of service at Dobroyd Point.
 - The P&C would like their gratitude and well wishes for her future minuted
 - Her position has been advertised with the role closing on the 30th march 2016
 - Should have someone appointed before the school holidays commence
- Evaluation of the Welcome BBQ
 - Darren Mitchell to take responsibility for the welcome BBQ
 - There was no entertainment for the kids
 - The food finished at 6.30pm
 - Kids playing soccer on the top playground meant parents could not sit on picnic rugs
 - Not enough advertising of event
 - Ideas for improvement for next year are as follows:
 - More foresight into the food being offered
 - Stagger the ice cream
 - Entertainment for the kids
 - Promote a picnic style atmosphere
 - Possible relocation to Robson Park however this could be problematic with security and other people in the park not from the school
- Formation of a Grant's Committee
 - A grants committee has been formed – Anna, Rachel, Darren and Amanda
 - The committee will be used to write the grants and hopefully receive more grants if we know what we are doing
 - Amanda has extensive experience in writing grants – has limited time so can't write them but will certainly review and offer advice
 - Explore our relationship with the West Leagues Club for grants
- Update of the purchasing of Home Readers - \$6,000
 - These have now been ordered – John will present examples of home readers when they arrive
- Storage Sheds update
 - Cameron Hay to investigate the storage shed. Another quote has been received at a substantial cheaper price.
- Request for clarification of uniform policy / school communication / expectations to parents
 - Uniform policy was distributed to P&C
 - Questionnaire completed with Year 5 and Year 6 – Miss tabled their responses and showed P&C – the consensus among the children is that the polo is hot and itchy
 - 2 options need to be offered as the polo doesn't stain whereas the cotton t-shirt is cool but it stains. Margo to look into possible alternatives
 - It was tabled that at this stage that the school will provide better communication and expectation to parents re school uniform for formal occasions eg excursions It was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting if the shoe policy is to include black trainers as an option for black school shoes
 - Once any changes made to the policy as per above then needs to be communicated and distributed out.
 - How to 'wear' the uniform should be photographed and put onto the website
 - It is not the staff's responsibility to enforce the uniform policy but the community and the parents
- Blazes for school leadership team

- It was tabled that the P&C to purchase and keep different sizes in the office for the Leadership Team to wear at special events / occasions
- Darren to get prices and samples for the blazers and report back at the next meeting
- Will they become a fixed asset of the P&C?
- Purchase to be decided at next meeting

6. Principal's report – John Quinn (20 mins)

- John thanked the P&C for paying for the artwork materials for Mrs Darragh's present
- Discussion of budget items tabled at February meeting.
 - \$350 - per teacher x 14 = \$4900 – Last year paid up front -
 - This year John will claim reimbursement upon receipts from the Teachers Library - \$4,000 – This was voted on and endorsed at the meeting
 - Prize giving - \$2000 – This was voted on and endorsed at the meeting
 - Gazebo - \$1400 – This was voted on and endorsed at the meeting
- Learning and Support and how our Parents and Citizens Association can help.
 - \$44,000 has been allocated for learning and support so far this year.
 - John will be discussing further with the executive, how this is evaluated and then with the P&C
 - The funding for 2016 was approved in 2015 so the 2017 funding needs approved in 2016
 - The funding will be tabled in Nov and then voted for in December
 - John would like to work on a plan for this funding prior to November
- A summary of Department of Education funding for 2016 – this will be discussed further at another time. In summary \$64.45 received for each child, this year an additional \$7,000 was added to this amount.
 - 8 Children of Indigenous Background received a total of \$2,200 each.
 - Resource Allocation is based on the Gonski model/report
- John discussed the important documents available on the website:
 - Anti-bullying policy
 - Student Wellbeing Policy

7. Treasurer's report

- Provided report showing what has been approved versus what has been paid. There is \$105,000 in the bank, all has been accounted for in 2016 other than \$5k
- We received a cheque for \$300 from Grill'd Burgers

8. Uniform Store report – report to be given at the next meeting

9. Fun & Fundraising

- 2016 Trivia Update
 - The P&C has been allocated / provided \$2,500 for set up costs / organisation
 - Communication will come out next term
 - Will be held at the Sailing Club Rodd Point on the 03rd June
 - The Year 5 and 6 camps due back on Friday 03rd June so this to be communicated to trivia committee re potential issues around year 5 and 6 parents not being able to attend so date may change

- Venue to hold a maximum of 120
- Need more items to raffle
- 2016 BayRun Update
 - This year we are dealing with more construction so it will be a turnaround course again
 - Cannot run around the soccer field for the primary run so need to look at alternatives

10. West Connex Footbridge Email – Nerida Bodycote

- Access to Timbrell park to be affected once Waratah Street is closed off to pedestrian traffic and used as a truck turning circle when the build commences
- Need to raise with West Connex Council.
- Ask an engineering expert to write to West Connex to voice concerns and as we have children at the school with disabilities then this may add weight to the possibility of a foot bridge being built.
- Darren and John have organised a meeting with West Connex to voice our concerns.

11. Bottom Playground Redesign – Nerida Bodycote

- Nerida has received 3 quotes for concept drawings – these were distributed at the meeting
- Discussion was had and there were concerns raised as to where the funding will come from for both the concept drawings and the actual redesign and build of bottom playground
- Suggested that discussion to continue at further P&C meetings given the lack of P&C funds and given the substantial funding required to progress it.
It was also raised that the school community and staff would need to be consulted in a collaborative way
- Nerida Bodycote was thanked for her efforts in acquiring the quotes

Next Meeting: Wednesday 27th April 2016 (First Day of Term 2)