

Dobroyd Point Public School P&C

Minutes

Meeting Date: 13th September 2023, 7pm

Venue: Michael Maher Room, Haberfield Library.

Attendance: Di Jones, Kim Singh, Sue Morrissey, Marcus Trimble, Sarah Thornborough, Will Devjak, Anna Virgona, Natalie MacKenzie

Invited:

School: Sue Morrissey + all schoolteachers

Exec: Nick Ballard, Andrew Sweeten, Kim Singh & Phil Hall

Class Reps: Anna Virgona, Diane McGarvey, Ellen Diviney, Madeline O'Reilly, Meg Huckstepp Lowe, Jen Wilson.

Members: Sarah Percival, Marcus Trimble, Zoe Cookson, Steve Smith, Kim Middleton, Roh Singh, Natalie Mackenzie

Parents: All parents are cordially invited.

#	Topic	Approx. Mins	Notes	Responsibility or Lead
1	Opening & Acceptance of past Minutes	2 mins	Moved & seconded	Exec
2	Principal Report	15 mins	<p>Monthly review - provided by Principal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN results came through. Above national average across all levels • Change in the analytics compared to last year, so hard to compare between the 2 years. • Very strong results in reading – strong K2 teachers • Deborah Abella author visit • Libby – new school counsellor 1 day per week on a Monday • Thank you to Anna for Education-day open week. • 21 children now for Kindy enrolment 2024 • Tennis lessons years 3-6 <p>School excellence Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning, excellence and teaching • Panel meeting tomorrow <p>Strategic improvement plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will need to write another one for next year. • Was written during COVID with surveys and engagement. • 3 directions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Growth and attainment – literacy and numeracy Tailored learning, high impact learning for staff, 2. Marni – innovation and gifted/high potential (freedom of kids not held up with classes) 3. Christina Jones – writing lessons. 4. Numeracy is the focus for this year – improving mathematics – focus on professional learning and demonstration lessons. 5. Milly - Year 6 teacher went on maternity leave and it has been very challenging finding a replacement teacher. Ms Jones has now taken over 6V. 	Sue

			<p>Suggestion: teachers commenting on the website what they like about Dobroyd</p> <p>Resilience project: gratitude has been a core focus and understanding of appreciation. Runs all year, timetabled.</p> <p>Peer Support & Buddies: works really well and positive feedback.</p> <p>Highway Heroes: Boys in year 2.</p> <p>Strategic plan: Kids and parents complete the data end of the year in T4.</p> <p>Parents and Carers, partners in learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback, hardly anyone reads the information. • WhatsApp groups more effective at the dissemination of information <p>Suggestion: Newsletter shared on the WhatsApp groups.</p>	
3	Finances	3 mins	<p>Presented by Kim Singh & Nick Ballard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Budget position • Revenue from Bay Run 2023 • Budgeted Expenditure: COLA • Balance – available funds. 	Kim
The Four Pillars				
4	Construction & Building	5 mins	<p>COLA update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designs finalised by Marcus Trimble • Latest news and timeline. Ready for T1? <p>Next Project ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower playground ideas – Lou Devjak • Anna: Utilise the movie night to recruit volunteers for the school. • Anna: Grant for bush tucker garden/living garden space 	Diane McGarvey Nick
5	Education & Support	5 min	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>'Directions in Music'</i>. They can run the band for a cost – need to research feasibility as the music teacher has limitations on availability and funding 	
6	Extra-Curricular Support & Activities	5 mins	<p>How can the P&C support Art, Drama, Chess, Sport?</p>	Nick
7	Fundraising	5 mins	<p>Bay Run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to start planning this side of Xmas. Need someone to lead the team. • Post-review with Ben Mildren 	Andrew
Other Matters				
8	Upcoming Functions & Events	5 mins	<p>Parent's Worker Bee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to plan more events for parents to get to know each other. • Initial plans discussed to address gardening, revarnish lower playground, planting, revamp old sandpit. 	Anna & Nick
9	Discussions	10 mins	<p>P&C Voucher Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to consider. Allows parents to use funds on activities relevant to their children, not biased towards certain programs. 	Nick

10	AOB	5 mins		
11	Next P& C Meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 October 	

Principal's Report August & September 2023

- NAPLAN results were received at school. The school performed above national average in all areas tested (numeracy, reading, writing, spelling & grammar and punctuation) for both Year 3 and Year 5.
- Deborah Abela author visit was conducted during Education Week, and it was very well received by all students and teachers.
- Our new school counsellor, Libby Ahearn started at the school on 31 August. She will be available every Monday from now until the end of the year. The school is now receiving our full school counsellor allocation.
- Our Education Week Open Day assembly and open classrooms - held on 3 August and was very well supported by families from our school and potential new families. Thank you to the parents who coordinated and completed the letter drop advertising the event. After the open day we did receive a few new enrolments for Kindergarten in 2024.
- Tennis lessons have started for students in Years 3-6. The feedback has been positive.
- Stage 3 students completed their personal development sessions delivered by Interrelate Australia. The program has been implemented at our school for a few years and is well regarded.
- Book Week parade was held on 22 August and was a great success.
- Our two Game Changer teams participated in the semi-final held via zoom at our school. One team will proceed to the grand final to be held in November at Parramatta. It is a huge event lasting 4 days (3 nights).
- Stage 3 students travelled to Canberra for three days last week to learn about government and democracy in Australia. The students visited Parliament House, the Australian Electoral Commission, the Museum of Democracy, Questacon, the Royal Australian Mint and other places. The students' behaviour was exemplary and was commented on by staff at most of the venues we visited. Thanks to Ms Jones & Ms Redwin for giving up their personal time to provide this valuable experience for our students.
- The school has undergone the External Validation process. This is a process whereby the school conducts regular, planned and ongoing self-assessment processes and collects data enabling us to identify the effectiveness of our practice and arrive at a judgement using the School Excellence Framework. The school has collected evidence, and the panel meeting is tomorrow.