

Dobroyd Point Public School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 20th February 2019

School Library 7:00pm

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) Landscaping Stage 2 - Deferred to 2019, pending design refinements and costing
Design and detail of edges to be completed, targeting construction during the winter holidays.

2. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Thank you to the outgoing P&C executive. The executive team worked well together and achieved a lot for the school. I appreciated the support the executive provided to me since I arrived at DPPS.
- Welcome to the new P&C executive. I look forward to working with you this year.
- Thank you to the P&C for the staff Christmas gift of a Nespresso Coffee machine & pods. It is well used and appreciated.
- Thank you to the P&C for the Welcome BBQ last Friday. It was a lovely community event and the face painting & reptile show were well received by the students & their families. Holding the parent information sessions at the same time made for a successful evening.
- Thank you to Julie for taking over the Book Club coordinator role.
- Thanks also to Fiona Berman who participated in the canteen tender panel at the end of last year.
- The School Canteen will continue to provide a lunch delivery service to the school. Parents can order online via Flexi Schools. Orders will be available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Garden work has been completed along Waratah Street and in the veggie gardens. Students in Stage 1 have started planting veggies.
- Meet the Teacher night and the Reverse Interviews were well attended.
- The school has 228 students, organised into 9 classes.
- Ms Toohey announced she is taking long service leave and retiring in August. Ms Wachsmann is currently filling her teaching position. Her Assistant Principal position will not be advertised until clearance is received from staffing.
- We have employed an additional SLSO for three days a week. We now have five SLSOs working in the school providing an equivalent of 15 days support in classrooms each week. This was funded through Integration funding, the P&C financial support and a contribution by the school.
- PBL Launch was held last Friday and was a great success. The new positive reward system is in place.
- Innovation lessons are now taking place in all classes across the school. Ms Patterson is running the program three days a week. This is funded by P&C finds and school funds.
- Our Learning and Support Teacher, Sara Touchard, will be working with students five days a week. This will include coordinating the MultiLit program.
- The 'Spider' climbing equipment was removed last week because it could no longer be repaired. Replacement climbing / play equipment will be sourced. Students will contribute to the design process. Funding for the new equipment has not been finalised.
- Trees: the elm tree in the playground suffered damage in high winds in Week 1 of term and has been pruned.
- Asset management advised the following work will be completed this year as part of planned maintenance for the school: External painting of the senior toilet blocks, replacing of the gutters in some areas of the admin building & OSHC building, resurfacing of the asphalt near the uniform shop and some pot holes in the playground, replacing of carpet in some classrooms, installation of a new path between the gate in Chelmsford St & the admin

building.

- A review of homework practices across the school was conducted at the end of last year. The reviewed homework policy will be presented to the P&C at the next meeting.
- The school needs to review the student leadership policy to bring it in line with the PBL program recently implemented at the school. The school is aiming to present the revised policy to the P&C at the next meeting.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Dobroyd Point Public School Parents and Citizens Association is a group dedicated to enriching the educational experience of our children at Dobroyd Point Public School. This is achieved by supporting the school, Susan Morrissey the School Principal and the teaching staff in providing quality education and enhanced outcomes in all learning areas for all children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive of the Parents and Citizens Association for your commitment and support over the last 12 months, Vice President Mirko Nad who also took on the Treasurers role this year. I also would like to thank Marcus Trimble who was our secretary and Sarogini Millet who looked after our insurances.

I would like to thank Stephanie Van Den Broek and Katina Turvey for the coordination of our uniform shop.

2018 was an extremely busy year. Many initiatives were achieved by the Parents and Citizens of Dobroyd Point. In terms of fundraising and social events many events were held. I would like to thank the following people for coordinating such events, Anna Virgona and her committee for coordinating the successful school twilight Market. Julie and Mirko Nad for once again coordinating the Movie Night, and to the entire team, led by race director James Millar involved in coordinating our marquee event the Bay Run. The effort and passion put into these events by these people is outstanding.

I thank all committees involved and all people in the school community who attended, sponsored and supported in some way. Without question such commitment continues on and fosters a sense of community at Dobroyd Point Public School.

I feel we have the balance right between fundraising events and social events. I feel it is important to give back to our school community like we do at the Movie Night and Welcome BBQ. These are the people who attend and support our school in so many ways.

The Parents and Citizens of Dobroyd Point supported the following initiatives, funding of \$38,000 was allocated to supplement learning support in 2019. This is on top of the funding allocated by the Department of Education. Early intervention through additional learning and support funding will be of benefit to the entire school community.

A new exciting initiative saw the allocation of funds of \$20,000 for the innovation program which once again will benefit the school community. I feel it's important that the P&C look for new initiatives to support teaching and learning at Dobroyd Point. This program has been funded for the entire year in 2019. I thank Marni Patterson for coordinating this program which runs across the entire school.

The Parents and Citizens of Dobroyd Point have also allocated considerable funding to the following areas, the School Library for an outdoor classroom \$8000, Student Awards \$4000 and allocation of \$30,000 to complete the landscaping of the top nor east corner of the school.

The P&C would also like to acknowledge the commitment demonstrated by many parents who help in so many different ways at Dobroyd Point whether it be involved in helping in the library, being involved in reading and other curriculum programs, transporting students to debating, sporting and leadership courses / opportunities. Let me assure people involved in these capacities your efforts are appreciated.

The opportunities that are available to our children happen as a result of the dedication of the teachers of Dobroyd Point. Many staff have attended meetings and the fundraising and social events held by the P&C. At these events they are very much hands on helping and assisting the P&C. We thank all staff for their continued support.

I would also like to thank the Principal Susan Morrissey on her support, advice and commitment that she has demonstrated towards the P&C and we look forward to working with you as we progress into 2019.

Lastly I would encourage all families to be involved in some capacity in the P&C in 2019. It's a great way to be kept informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and make new friends.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Proposed P&C Fundraising events for 2019

- **Bay Run** - 1st Sunday in August (4th August)
- **Movie night** - volunteer needed to take it over for 2019. Julie can hand over contacts, set up details etc.
- **Elections** - State and Federal Elections. State Election 23rd March - BBQ and Yr 6 cake stall have traditionally been held at poll booths.
- **Trivia Night** - will be held this year (no night market this year).

All fundraising events will require new participants to assist this year, with parents that have previously run them, moving on from the school.

b) General Discussion around increasing participation in the P&C and school activities. Initiatives discussed include:

- Class parent representatives to help disseminate class information to parents
- A proforma to nominate
- An online survey to nominate which events/activities a parent may be interested in helping with

c) P&C Freezers. The P&C freezer broke down over the summer holidays. A replacement will be required as the freezer is very old and repair is unlikely to be cost effective.

d) School vandalism. There have been a series of acts of vandalism (with no theft) at the school. Police are investigating and the school is installing increased security measures.

Next Meeting Date: 20th March 2019