

Dobroyd Point Public School P&C Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 18th September 2019

School Library 7:00pm

1. OPENING

Attendees: Chrissy Pudsey, Amanda Justice, Mark Lawrence, Fiona Berman, Jennie Rule, Lisa Seeney, Gabrielle Adams, Phil Hall, Yosheen Pilay, Rachel Laing and Zoe Cookson

Apologies: Susan Morrisessy and Jacinta Hargen

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (AUGUST 2019)

Moved: Marcus Trimble

Seconded: Marni Patterson

3. OSCH UPDATE

- Gabrielle and Lisa both thanked school for such a great morning at the Bay Run.
- Lisa announced she will leave role as Co-ordinator for OSCH, last day next Thursday 26th September. Meg from Baulkham Hills service has been seconded to do acting co-ordinator role until a permanent co-ordinator arrives.
- Family breakfast went well on Tuesday 17th September.
- OSH have looked into air conditioning for their space. Currently they are unable to as the school's powerboard isn't powerful enough. The distribution board needs to be replaced (\$20 000). Fans will be used this summer. P&C to look further into cooling options and will liase with OSCH. OSH lease space from DET so can't make changes to the space.
- OSH have given support to 'Everyone Can Play Among the Trees' grant application.
- Licensed capacity for 65 places. OSCH Dobroyd Point has not put in for government waiver to allow for students in the space.
- Good to have current space but there are limitations on very hot days and wet days. Open to solutions for limited space on these days.

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

(delivered by Marni Patterson, and Mrs Lawrence as Susan Morrissey was in Canberra with Stage 3)

- PSSA Finals: Senior boys soccer and both Junior As and Senior girls soccer competed in grand final matches, with the senior boys and senior girls teams winning their games.
- WSPSSA zone athletics carnival – DPPS finished 7th out of 22 schools – a fantastic result considering the size of our school.
- Luke, Brandon, Matthew and Jett are now off to the regional athletics carnival. Brandon and Matthew competed for New South Wales at the Australian National Cross Country carnival. Brandon finished 7th overall (3rd fastest NSW runner) in the 3km 11 years boys event and Matthew won the 3km 11 years event. The two boys also competed in the 5x1500m relay with their NSW team. The team finished in 1st place.
- Matthew is competing at the Australian Athletics Championships this week in the Northern Territory.
- Book Author visits: Leila Rudge and Rachel Spratt – to celebrate Book Week 2019.
- Evacuation Drill was completed as a routine part of our WH&S practices.
- Staff participated in a professional learning session about anxiety in children I am happy to organise a parent session if the P&C are interested.
- Kindergarten excursion to Botanic Gardens was a huge success. The students read the picture book "Alexander's Outing" by Pamela Allen and visited notable Sydney landmarks mentioned in the book.
- Enrolment Committee met (Tess Patchett, Anita Porter, Christina Jones & Susan Morrissey) There were 8 out-of-area applications. 5 Applications were from siblings of current students and they were accepted. Three non-sibling applications were received. Two were from either addresses close to the catchment boundary or had special circumstances and were accepted. 1 application was from a neighbouring suburb, but did not outline any special considerations, so was rejected. The committees decisions were approved by Rod Megahey (Director Educational Leadership)
- 2020 Kindergarten Orientation sessions will be held in Weeks 2,4 & 6 of Term 4. The P&C are welcome to address the new parents and contribute information to the 'Welcome Packs'.
- Executive staff have been involved in professional learning and planning about additive strategies to support the implementation of numeracy support across the school. This is part of our 2018 – 2020 School Plan.
- Mindfulness family Days were conducted last week where parents were invited to participate in the lessons.
- Stage 3 are in Canberra from 18 – 20 Sept to support their learning about Government and Democracy. The school applied for a PACER grant which provides \$20 per student towards the cost of the excursion. This rebate was deducted from the cost of the excursion.
- 2019 NAPLAN results were received this week. I will discuss the results at the next meeting once an analysis has been completed.
- Asset Management Unit have given approval for the landscaping to be completed in the Sept school holidays.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Seating is now installed in the grassed area in front of the library. It is a new learning space and it is pleasing to see students beginning to use this area.

- The landscaping project for the area between the asphalt and synthetic grass will commence in the September school holidays.
- DPS movie night is coming up, the film will be 'Charming'. Marni will send the promotional poster to Marcus to disseminate to parent groups.
- Trivia night is almost sold out.
- Thank you to Jennie and others involved for all their work on the two grant applications, *Community Building Partnership Application* and *Local Schools Community Grant*.

6. TREASURER'S UPDATE

- Building Fund takings is now \$4100, \$2300 in addition since last meeting due to additional message via the What's App group.
- Discussion followed on how to best appeal to community to contribute to the building fund. We need to remind people to contribute throughout the year. Can we explore doing this at the start of the year, such as when textbook payment us due? Could there be an easier methods of payment?

7. LOCAL SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FUND GRANT UPDATE

- Jennie working on a grant for chrome books and a panel on the school's behalf. If successful, we will know in December and then have to spend the money in early 2020. P&C to ensure we budget for \$5000 in Oct/Nov budget planning. There is an email for Sue to send on grant behalf. Jennie to liaise.

8. SERVICE NSW COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT UPDATE

- Lots of feedback and help from other schools on this grant 'Everyone Can Play Amongst the Trees' and playground ideas.
- Grant is now completed and will be submitted this week, we will find out if successful next March.
- P&C has committed \$25 000 to support this project.
- Lots of work to collate letters of support. Thank you to teachers for supporting.
- If successful, we don't have to use provider's quote but do need to use the money towards an inclusive playground.

9. PROPOSAL FOR A GRANTS COMMITTEE 2020

- There is a need to have a greater level of forward planning, so we don't have to rush application process.
- Direction needs to come from P&C, teachers and whole school community. Would a survey work? This might help in gaining support for building fund, other fundraising initiatives.
- Next *My Community Grant* opens in March. What could be a good thing to apply for? Toilets?
- Other grants : Eco grants or corporate grants. Lots of opportunities.
- We need to draw on skills in the school's community. Could we advertise this in the school's newsletter? Marcus to include this in Term 4 newsletter.

10. AOB

- OSH Heating and Cooling. How can we work through this issue given that powerboard. Is the electricity board under some long term plan to develop from DET?
- Could more solar panels help? More shading devices? Distribution board needs to be replaced (\$20 000). Can the school come back to us with some answers? To be discussed further in the October meeting. Can we make the physical space better? Can there be more shading? This could work to help students of rainy days.
- Discussion around OSH educators, noticeable lack of respect given to them by students, pushing boundaries. Particularly if a hot or wet day. Can we hear from OHSC about this at another meeting? Also, how does feedback to parents occur if students misbehaving? There has been similar issues with Ethics teachers

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 16th October 2019