

# **Cammeray Public School P&C Association**

**16 May 2007**

Attendance: P&C 2007 Executive - Evan Predavec, Ian Davies, Janet Morgan, Geraldine Mack, Maria Brooks  
Members of the school community – see attached.

## **Acceptance of minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 21 March 2007 were circulated. They were accepted by the meeting.

## **President's Report**

P&C Contributions – Evan reported that approximately \$88,000 had been raised so far, from 218 families (from a total of 478). It was agreed that a follow up letter should be sent to those who had not yet contributed, with discussion around how the letter should be worded. Some members felt that the communication to date had been too forceful, and accordingly, samples of similar letters used by other schools will be gathered and considered.

Parking – the meeting considered the proposal to request the RTA/Council to consider making the school side of Bellevue Street a “No Parking” zone, thus requiring people to stop only briefly, without moving away from the car. It was also agreed that the Council Ranger would be requested to have a greater presence between 8.45-9.15 and 3.00-3.30.

Working Bee – Chriss Kells reported that the Working Bee is to be held in Term 3, in conjunction with the Planet Ark Plant a Tree Day. It is likely that the preparation day will be 29 July, with a later date to plant the trees from North Sydney Council.

Toilets – after a discussion about the continuing poor state of the toilets (both portable and permanent), it was agreed that volunteers for a Working Bee be called via the newsletter, with general painting and freshening up required.

## **Canteen Report**

The Canteen Committee comprising Christine Taylor, Jan Scott, Maria Brooks, and Sandy Hall met 15 May to consider tenders that had been submitted for the running of the Canteen. One tender was received, from Melissa Smith, the current service provider, and after reviewing this submission, it was decided that the tender should be offered to her, with a recommendation that the annual tender fee be \$4,000 (not the \$7,000 that she proposed), in order that the Canteen can be run at a profitable level, and some stability is achieved. The DET is now required to complete the formality around documenting the contract.

Volunteers will be called via the Newsletter to form a committee to interface between Melissa and the parent community to ensure that the menu and prices reflect what is required from all stakeholders.

## **Finance Report**

Janet reported that the first installment of \$45,000 had been paid to the school to meet committed expenditure, with the balance payable in July. There is currently \$129,000 in the General Fund.

## **Principal's Report**

Demountable Classroom – Christine reported that the demountable that was to be removed is now staying, with thanks to lobbying by the parent community, particularly Evan Predavec.

Grounds – an additional groundsman is now on site for two days a week and is making inroads into the work required.

Yr 5&6 Camp – the camp was a success, with thanks largely due to Jan Scott.

Artificial Grass – Astroturf is to be laid over the plot at the Bellevue Street entrance to the school.

White Boards – the DET is currently reviewing rolling these out into primary schools. The school executive is examining the possibility of a grant to fund an acquisition.

Security – The school has applied to have a 1.5m high fence to be built along the perimeter of the school on the Palmer and Bellevue Street sides (to be funded by grant money received in 2006). A DA is currently before the North Sydney Council. A further \$11,000 will be spent on security buzzers once the fence is installed, and an additional \$11,000 will be used on phones in all classrooms. Improved lighting around the main building is also under consideration.

### **Other matters**

Miller/Palmer Street traffic lights – the meeting was alerted to the potential danger of this intersection, and it was agreed that the P&C would request the RTA to consider a right turn arrow from Palmer street into Miller (heading north).

Flashing “40” sign – the P&C will also investigate the possibility of installing signs around the school alerting cars to the 40km zone at school start and finish times.

The meeting closed.