

Cammeray Public School P&C Association

20 February 2008

Attendance: P&C 2007 Executive - Evan Predavec, Ian Davies, , Geraldine Mack, Lisa Hulme-Jones, Nadine Foley
Members of the school community – see attached.

Acceptance of minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated. They were accepted by the meeting.

Teacher Introduction

Being the first meeting of the year, Christine Taylor initiated an introduction by each of the teachers present.

President's Welcome

Evan Predavec gave an outline of the P&C functions, namely:

- Facilitate communications between the parent body and the school / teacher executive;
- Bring parents together
- Co-ordinate running of the band and the uniform shop;
- Initiate fundraising.

Road Safety / Traffic Update

- A new pedestrian crossing has been approved for a 6 month trial. This is located at the plaza by the Cammeray shops.
- Evan is to investigate the arrangements other public schools have in place for drop-off / pick-up times. This was in reaction to concerns about congestion, and convenient parking.
- Evan is to provide a summary of the last discussion on the above matter with the P&C.
- Note that the RTA enforces a 40km/hr zone along Miller Street.

P&C School funding

- It was reported that an amount of \$150k was raised in 2007 which allowed teachers to reduce class sizes, purchase science class supplies, and further expand internet access in all classrooms.
- Volunteers were requested to assist Nadine Foley with a few fundraising initiatives during the year. It was reiterated that government funding alone is not sufficient to cover all expenses for Cammeray. The school requests donations to obviate the need for constant fundraising initiatives such as cake stalls or markets, but rather supplements the donations with a social event. The amount for 2008 would be made known during Term 1. Concerns were raised that only 50% of parents offered donations in 2007, and steps would have to be taken in 2008 to improve this.
- Suggestions for 2008 fundraising are
 - Soundproof practice room for the band
 - Smart boards

Finance Report

Ian Davies reported on a balance of \$30k in the Building Fund, and \$70k in the General Fund. Funds allocated during 2007 to Term 1 2008, means that there is \$45k available in the General fund.

Principal's Report

- 660 children in 2008 compared to 630 in 2007.
- Additional demountables are being completed during Term 1
- Gates have been erected around the school providing much needed additional security.
- Four children have been selected for the Neutral Bay OC class.
- Cammeray outperforms the 'like school group' in numeracy and literacy. 80-90% of Year 5 students ranked in the top 2 bands in 2007. The 2007 annual report is being printed and will be issued during Term 1.
- Additional accommodation for further expansion is under review by the School Council body.
- Christine Lewis requested an advance of \$4,000 from the P&C to assist with funding for the annual mother's day stall.
 - Mover: Geraldine Mack
 - Seconder: Luke Simcock
 - Approved by the meeting.

Other business

- Discussion of non-scripture classes tabled for next meeting

Meeting closed 8.30pm.

Next Meeting: 19th March 2008