

## **Cammeray Public School P&C Association Meeting Minutes - 18 February 2009, 7.30 pm**

**Attendance:** P&C 2009 Executive - Evan Predavec, Nadine Foley, Ian Davies, Geraldine Mack, Ingmar Taylor, Bruce Tulloch, Karen Pearson, Ben Escudero

Teaching Body – Christine Taylor, Pamela Moore

School Council – Nigel Fortescue

Members of the school community

1. **Introduction of 2009 Teachers**

Christine Taylor introduced the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers who were present.

2. **Introduction of 2009 P&C Executive**

Evan Predavec introduced the 2009 members of the P&C Executive.

3. **Social Events**

Karen Pearson gave an update on the Welcome Back Barbecue and asked for volunteers to help on the night.

4. **Zone 4**

Ingmar Taylor introduced the Zone 4 project, explaining the issues and expected process.

5. **School Council**

Nigel Fortescue gave an overview of the School Council's responsibilities.

6. **Fundraising**

Nadine Foley gave an overview of the fundraising approach as it has evolved over the past six years, summarised the feedback received by the P&C regarding the 2008 fundraising program and introduced the 2009 fundraising approach.

A draft document was distributed to aid communication and further discussion of this year's approach. This document is attached.

It was agreed that the School would endeavour to set up a facility for parents to direct deposit their School Fees and P&C Contribution.

7. **Bulk Stationery Ordering Process**

Eleanor Mattana reviewed the bulk stationery ordering process which was largely successful. Approximately 30% of families placed orders during Term 4 2008 and received their packs during the first week of Term 1 2009.

The exercise turned out to be a lot more complicated than expected and Evan extended his thanks to Eleanor and Katrina Ellis for their hard work in making this project happen.

8. **Principal's Report**

- Christine Taylor announced that Jan Scott has been appointed Deputy Principal.
- All classes are now in place. This year there are 705 students at Cammeray and this has resulted in some larger class sizes, in particular in Year 4. Recent research, however, suggests that class size has a small effect on student outcomes when compared to other factors such as feedback to the children from the teacher,

problem solving teaching, reading programs, quality teaching and the class environment. The detailed research is attached.

- Current class sizes are:

Kindergarten	20 or 21
Year 1	23, 24, 25, 26 and 26
Year 2	21, 23 24, 25 and 26
Year 3	28, 30 and 30
Year 4	31, 33 and 33
Year 5	25, 25 and 27
Year 6	21, 26 and 26

- Christine will publish the research that she referred to in next week's CPS Newsletter.
- All classrooms are networked for Smartboards.
- The Department of Education has approved the toilet block upgrade. Permanent toilets will be built under the block D classrooms and the demountable toilets will be removed.
- All teams from year 6 who entered the Channel 7 'It's Academic' quiz show have won places in the semi-finals. Christine extended her congratulations and best wishes to all those involved.
- Extra teachers have been scheduled to monitor children playing on zone 3 each morning between 8.45am and 9.15 am. This has been put in place to relieve congestion in the other zones.

#### 9. **Other Business**

None

Meeting closed: 8.45pm

**Next Meeting:** 21 March 2009