

Cammeray Public School P&C Association Meeting Minutes - 18 March 2009, 7.30 pm

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

Teaching Body – Christine Taylor, Jan Scott

Members of the school community – Nicole Overton, Sylvie Brisset

1. **Apologies**

Geraldine Mack, Donna McNatty, Pamela Moore, Jenny Riseborough

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. **Federal Funding**

The school has submitted the following three requests for Federal funding:

- To turf zone 4 with artificial turf.
- To build 12 new classrooms to replace demountables.
- To build an outdoor education area to include tiered, stadium type seating and shading.

These requests are currently fairly high level and the details will be discussed and agreed upon receipt of funding approval.

Letters containing quotes for work to be undertaken and 140 signatures are now ready to go and will be sent to as many people as possible, including the Federal and State Ministers, the local Mayor, everyone in the DET and Joe Hockey.

4. **Fundraising**

Approximately 80% of Semester Fee payments made to the school have included a P&C Contribution. Most people have contributed \$200 per child however a few have contributed less. This means that the school has received roughly \$45,000 in P&C Contributions from 33% of children.

In addition, some parents have chosen to pay their contribution directly to the P&C. These payments are in the process of being collated.

Towards the end of this year, a summary of expected payment requests for next year will be sent to parents. This will include all anticipated requests from the school and P&C.

One of the major issues to arise from combining the request for Semester Fees and P&C Contribution has been the inability of the school to accept direct deposit or credit card payments. The school would like to be able to do this and Kim, the School Administrative Manager, is working hard to make this happen.

In the meantime, evidence of these practices being used in other schools will be collected.

5. **Parking**

Evan will follow up with the RTA regarding our request to put a right turn arrow on the traffic lights at the intersection of Palmer Street and Miller Street.

The flags that we requested have been placed by the pedestrian crossing in Palmer Street. We are still waiting, however, for the solid white lines to be painted either side of it.

With the beginning of a new year, we are again finding drivers misusing the 'kiss and drop' zone by the school. There is a strong feeling that the '5 min parking' signs are misleading. The P&C will ask the RTA to change the signs to 'no parking' signs. This will mean that drivers will be allowed to stop their vehicles for up to two minutes but must remain within three metres of their vehicle during that time. The P&C will also request explanatory signs to ensure that the rules governing use of the zone are absolutely clear to all drivers.

Evan will follow up to gain community and local resident support for this change.

6. **Website Upgrade**

The P&C Website has been upgraded and the on-line uniform shop has been launched. As it stands, all on-line orders are printed by Evan and passed to Donna for fulfillment as the Uniform Shop is not currently web enabled. It was agreed that the P&C could spend up to \$1,000 to purchase a computer, printer and wireless web access in order to complete implementation of the on-line shop.

The school's website may be changed to use the same software as the P&C website so as to gain a better web presence. Whilst the P&C will provide support to make this change happen, the school website will continue to be owned and managed by the school.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

As at 18 November 2008, there were general funds of \$87,700. Since then, an agreed payment of \$39,000 has been made to the school to cover 6 months of teaching supplementation (\$24k) and three Smartboards (\$15k). Following further funding of the uniform shop and stationery procurement exercise, the fund currently stands at \$46,000.

8. **Principal's Report**

Now that Jan Scott is Deputy Principal, there is a position available for an Assistant Principal. This is being advertised and candidates will be interviewed by Christine Taylor (school representative), Evan Predavec (parent representative) and Anthony Simone (staff representative). It will be a teaching position and will commence at the beginning of Term 2.

Kristy Geddes has now formally become our full time librarian leaving a classroom teaching position available from the beginning of Term 2. It is hoped that temporary teachers already working in the school will apply for the position.

The teaching body has been participating in more on-line professional learning through video conferencing.

The gravel that was put down in order to move the most recent demountables into place will be removed at no cost to the school.

9. **Other Business**
None

Meeting closed: 8.45pm

Next Meeting: 20 May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Staffroom