

Cammeray Public School P&C Association Meeting Minutes – 20 May 2009, 7.30 pm

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

Teaching Body – Jan Scott, Tim Witney

Members of the school community – see attachment

1. **Apologies**

Donna McNatty, Pamela Moore

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. **Federal Building the Education Revolution Grants**

Further to our application for funds to remediate Zone 4, the school has been allocated a grant of \$200k. This grant has been allocated with a number of rules governing how and when it can be spent, for example work must be completed by the end of November 2009.

In addition, we have been recently been advised that the DET plans to undertake a major building project on Zone 3 and will require use of Zone 4 throughout the project. This would mean that the Zone 4 project cannot take place until late 2010 or early 2011.

As we are unable to put the allocated grant aside to spend at a later date, we propose spending it on a project to develop a natural, environment based education area above Frog Hollow. Most of this area is currently out of bounds for the children as it is overgrown and dangerous, so developing the area will increase play space. The project will also provide a clean, safe route to Zone 4 when building works commence.

We also applied for funds to build twelve classrooms in an L-shape on Zone 3. In response to this application, we understand that the DET proposes to build six classrooms in a two storey block on the left hand side of Zone 3 (the side furthest away from Zone 4). It had been our understanding that further funds would be available from another source but this is no longer the case.

The general consensus of the meeting is that we need at least ten classrooms to make the pain of building work worthwhile. Demountables will still be required if we only have six new classrooms and with projected growth there would not be any play space freed up.

It was agreed that we will respond asking for the building project to include eight classrooms and full remediation of Zones 3 and 4 at a minimum within the \$3.5M project budget.

4. **Ball Games in the Playground**

A number of parents have raised issues regarding the playing of ball games in Zone 1 in the morning before school starts. Parents and siblings are being hit by balls or running children as they walk through the playground or prepare to line up.

Jan and Tim will spend some time in the playground in the mornings to establish what the issues are and propose a way forward.

5. **Benches in Zone 1**

The benches around the six trees in Zone 1 are unsightly, uncomfortable and dirty. We propose to replace the existing benches with decking style boxing around each tree. This will provide the children with a clean, safe area to sit to eat lunch or for reading groups. A budget of \$500 per tree is agreed. Evan will investigate the possibility of drawing these funds from the Building Fund.

6. **Fundraising**

P&C Contributions total \$94,300 for 2009 to date. Approximately 73% of students who have paid their Semester 1 Fees have made a P&C Contribution.

A separate section for P&C Contribution will be added to the bottom of the Semester 2 Fees to enable families who haven't yet contributed to make a donation. It will be made very clear that the Contribution is an annual donation and is voluntary. At this time, we are unable to set up different Semester 2 invoices for those who have made a Contribution already and those who haven't.

A fundraising update will be put in the Newsletter.

7. **Recruitment of Principal**

Dean White is managing the process to recruit a Principal to replace Christine Taylor. Once the advert has been finalised and applications received, a short list of candidates will be put together and interviews will take place. The interview panel will consist of Dean, Alex Ball, Evan Predavec and a Principal from a school outside our region. Our preference is to have a Principal in place by the beginning of Term 3, however, that is unlikely given process and time left available.

8. **Parking**

We still haven't received a response regarding the right hand turn out of Palmer Street onto Miller Street. Evan will continue to pursue.

Safety at the school pick-up in the afternoon will be reviewed.

9. **Social Events**

9.1 Camping

We propose to run a family camp on Cockatoo Island in late October. Families will be able to book with and pay Cockatoo Island management directly. All families will need to notify the P&C of their booking so that food, etc. can be organised.

9.2 Spring Fair

We agreed to run the Spring Fair as a free event again this year. Sharon Youde will establish a date towards the end of Term 3. A section will be put in the Newsletter to advise parents of the proposed date and seek volunteers. Profit from the Welcome BBQ will be used to fund some of the entertainment.

10. **Treasurer's Report**

The Building Fund has a balance of \$14k and the General Fund has a balance of \$58.5k.

11. **Principal's Report**

The Assistant Principals are taking it in turns to spend two weeks in the Deputy Principal role while Jan is Relieving Principal. So far this is working really well and is giving each of the APs an opportunity to focus on a non-teaching role and develop their skills and understanding in that area.

Arif has laid artificial turf on the slope by the walkway down to Zone 2. It has provided an additional area for children to eat, learn and play.

Kim is getting through the process to implement direct credit facilities. These should be in place in time for the Semester 2 Fees payment.

It was agreed that a new bottle shop in the area can donate funds from specific purchases to the School. Details will be reported in the Newsletter.

Lyn Stephenson, Eric Land and Michael Smith have applied for a \$2,000 grant for a new vegetable garden.

A container has been positioned in Zone 4 to house gardening tools and the ride-on mower. It will be decorated so that it fits more unobtrusively into the environment.

12. **Website**

The School's website is being set up in the same way as the P&C website to enable users to update their own information easily.

13. **Other Business**

It has been suggested that parents and students would benefit from an information night about public high schools in the area. This subject will be added to next months agenda for discussion.

Meeting closed: 9pm

Next Meeting: 17 June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Staffroom