

Cammeray Public School P&C Association Meeting Minutes – 17 June 2009, 7.30 pm

Attendance: P&C 2009 Executive - Evan Predavec, Ian Davies, Bruce Tulloch, Karen Pearson, Ben Escudero, Geraldine Mack, Donna McNatty

Teaching Body – Jan Scott, Alex Ball, Anthony Simone

Members of the school community – see attachment

1. Apologies

Nadine Foley

2. Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Federal Building the Education Revolution Grants

In a major change to the previously minuted plans to undertake the classroom building works on Zone 3, DET has since advised that a building comprising 6 classrooms is instead to be built on Zone 1.

This was seen to be a much better solution than the previous construction plans for Zone 3 as it should facilitate the remediation of Zone 4 to the extent that artificial turf can be laid immediately because the building construction works will not require access to Zone 4.

The plan for Zone 1 comprises two buildings splitting 6 new classrooms between them where the demountables on Zone 1 are currently located.

The meeting agreed that that while these plans may change in detail and the buildings are limited to just 6 new classrooms, it is understood that this modified proposal is the one that DET *will* implement. Further this modified proposal means we can proceed with the Zone 4 remediation which offers us the best outcome under the circumstances.

4. Decking enclosure of trees in Zone 1

It was agreed to proceed with the decking installation enclosing the trees in the Zone 1 playground to provide safe seating for the children replacing the open low wooden railings currently installed in these locations. The cost was previously estimated as \$500/tree and on that basis the meeting agreed to fund this construction.

5. Interactive WhiteBoards

The meeting reviewed two quotes for the provision of Interactive White Boards (IWB) from two non-DET contract vendors. Both appeared to provide solutions which are technically superior to the current DET products at lower installed cost on equivalent or better warranty terms than the DET bundles.

Both solutions offered software solutions compatible with the "SmartBook" application already in use at Cammeray but without the software driver or licensing restrictions or the ongoing per user operating fees associated with the DET provided products. One of these IWBs is specifically designed to use existing classroom whiteboards (ie, a very robust physical solution requiring only board per classroom, not two).

It was noted however that DET have veto power over IWB purchase made by the school if purchased other than with P&C funds and that any purchase outside the DET contract means the school will have no DET support and must deal direct with the vendor for any installation and warranty issues that may arise.

Duplicate copies of these quotes were provided to Jan Scott and Alex Ball for further consideration.

6. **Primary Schools' Information event**

Jan Scott undertook to talk to Principals at nearby local public high schools about the possibility of joining with local primary schools to host a public high school information event for prospective families.

7. **Recruitment of Principal**

Currently in progress.

8. **Programming Group**

The meeting agreed that the P&C will auspice the new Programming Group proposed by Evan.

9. **Social Events**

9.1 Camping

The Cockatoo Island camping event was discussed.

9.2 Spring Fair

Preparations for the Spring Fair are proceeding.

10. **Treasurer's Report**

No details

11. **Principal's Report**

No details.

12. **Other Business**

Of necessity, these minutes have been prepared from the recollections of committee members present and some brief notes taken at the meeting because the original detailed minutes were lost due to a PC disk drive failure.

Meeting closed: 9:10pm

Next Meeting: 19 August 2009 at 7.30pm in the Staffroom