

Cammeray Public School P&C Association Meeting Minutes – 19 August 2009, 7.30 pm

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

Teaching Body – Pam Crawley, Jan Scott, Alex Ball, Lyn Stephenson

Members of the school community – see attachment

1. Apologies

Ingmar Taylor, Pamela Moore, Cecilia Logan, Lorna Clarke

2. Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3. School Bands

3.1 Band Fundraising

The School Band Committee is aiming to raise \$3,500 this year; \$2,000 for new band folders and \$1,500 for a new saxophone. As a recent fundraising event only raised \$112, more events are being planned. The next proposed event is a 'Silver Drive' which will entail children across all years collecting and donating five cent pieces. In order to encourage donations, a percentage of all money raised will be donated to Taronga Zoo. The meeting agreed that the event could go ahead provided that prizes relating to the amount of money raised are not awarded.

3.2 Band Bags

Each student in the band needs to have a branded band bag and these are made by volunteers each year. With numbers in the Band increasing year on year, this is becoming an onerous task and the Band Committee has proposed selling Band Bags in the School Uniform Shop. The meeting agreed to this approach and Donna will work with the Band Committee to implement.

4. New Bus Stop

The Cammeray School Bus on route 660 used to pick students up at Garland Road in the mornings but this pick up was cancelled because the bus was unable to get students to school on time. The route still drops children at Garland Road in the afternoon.

A number of parents would like to get the pick up in the morning re-instated and Sally Eriksen is discussing this proposal with the RTA. Sally will survey parents in the next School Newsletter to establish interest. The meeting agreed to provide a letter of support which will be submitted to the RTA with numbers of students interested.

5. Bike Racks

A parent has again made a request for bike racks to be installed at the school. The meeting agreed that a survey of interest will be conducted and a plan developed next year to ensure timely implementation once the building work has been completed. This topic will be added to the P&C Agenda for progress early in 2010.

6. **School Choir**

The School Choir will be brought under the P&C umbrella so that events can be covered by the P&C insurance. Moved by Donna and seconded by Bruce.

7. **Working Bees/Vegie Garden**

North Sydney Council recently provided all the plants for the 'Plant a Tree Day' which was a great success. Donna has registered the P&C with the Council to ensure their continued support.

Lyn Stephenson, Eric Land and Nadine will work with Donna to establish a Wednesday morning bushcare group of volunteers. The Council will provide training and the aim is to develop and maintain the school environment.

It was agreed that the P&C will approach Bunnings in Artarmon for a donation of tools to support this initiative.

8. **Social Events – Spring Fair**

8.1 Update and Budget

The Spring Fair will again be a family focused event including bouncy castles, mini-golf, games and a sausage sizzle. There will be a small charge for the sausage sizzle and some extra stalls such as face painting to cover materials but all other activities will be free of charge to students and their families.

The meeting agreed to provide \$2,350 dollars in advance to fund the event. Money raised from the sausage sizzle (hoped to be \$1,700) will be refunded to the P&C after the event. Moved by Nigel and seconded by Ben.

8.2 Business Directory

A Cammeray School Business Directory will be launched at the Spring Fair with the aim of fostering support to our community businesses. Parents with children at the school will be able to advertise their business in this simple A5 stapled directory. Entry in the directory will be free of charge and it will be updated annually to ensure that entries are removed as children leave the school. Copyright will remain with the P&C.

9. **Building Works**

9.1 Zone 1 Classrooms

Six classrooms will be built on Zone 1 to replace the three existing demountables. Building work will be carried out during 2010.

9.2 Zone 4

A new driveway will be built to provide entry to Zone 3 from Miller Street. This will replace the driveway that currently enters Zone 4 from Miller Street. The driveway project is in the proposal stage and will go out to tender following development of a formal written proposal.

It has become clear that the drainage on Zone 4 needs to be completely renewed and this will need to be completed before the artificial turf is laid. Given the increased cost of drainage, laying artificial turf on part of Zone 3 is no longer within the scope of this project.

9.3 Toilet Block

The toilet block development on Zone 3 is fully funded. It will not be possible to commence this project, however, until the new driveway on Zone 3 is in place.

Overall, current thinking would suggest that the new toilet block and the Zone 4 project will be completed by February 2010. We would expect the Zone 1 project to have commenced also.

10. Fundraising Report

10.1 Donations

The total contribution figure year to date is \$96,000. 68% of students have contributed this year and 90% of Contributors made the suggested \$200 donation.

10.2 Spend

In line with the original fundraising agreement for 2009, \$15,000 will be spent on library resources, \$24,000 will be used to supplement specialist teachers in Semester 2 and the remainder will be used to purchase and install Smartboards. Given DET costs at this time, we expect to be able to purchase and install seven Smartboards.

10.3 Next Steps

Whilst seven Smartboards is a fabulous achievement, the Technology Plan aims to have a Smartboard in every permanent classroom by the end of this year, which means that we would like to fund five more. A follow up letter will be sent to all parents asking for those who have not yet made a full contribution to consider making one now.

11. Meet the New Principal

Our new Principal, Pam Crawley, introduced herself.

12. Principal's Report

Concerns have been raised about health issues associated with the un-flued heaters in some classrooms in the School. DET have started a project to upgrade the un-flued heaters in all schools in New South Wales and we expect this to be completed by the end of September. It is unclear, however, what DET are doing to the heaters and what the final outcome means for our children.

Jan will work with Ben and Tine Berg to establish what DET are doing to the heaters, what the results will be and what our options are. In the meantime, all teachers are aware that they need to have the classrooms cross-ventilated (door and window open) when the heaters are in use. It is understood that most teachers do not use the heaters, particularly given the mild winter experienced so far.

13. Treasurer's Report

As at 31 July, the Building Fund had a balance of \$14k and the General Fund had a balance of \$69k. Since then, we have spent \$7,500 on uniform shop stock and \$3,200 on insurance.

Pam will report on the School's P&C account at the next meeting.

14. **Correspondence**

The attached correspondence was tabled.

15. **Other Business**

15.1 Hudson's Meats

Hudson's Meats have donated meat for a number of School events and have also raised and donated \$877 for the School. Pam will decide how to use the donation, eg. Reading resources, and will send a letter of thanks.

15.2 Mortgage Choice

Mortgage Choice has supported the choir with a \$250 donation.

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Staffroom