

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

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

Teaching Body – Pam Crawley, Jan Scott, Alex Ball

Members of the school community – see attachment

### **1. Apologies**

Melissa Nyholm

### **2. Acceptance of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. (Mover: Bruce, Seconded: Nadine)

### **3. Stationery Purchasing for 2010**

It was agreed that the School will purchase as much basic stationery as possible to reduce the load on parents. A Stationery Requirement list will be included in the Newsletter before the end of Term.

### **4. Building Works**

The \$200k National School Pride funding is now in place and work has started on the Zone 4 Project.

The NSW Government Capital Works to install new toilets on Zone 3 is due to start soon, with a completion date set down for February 2010.

The Building the Education Revolution (BER) Project is due to start during the summer school holidays. Our maximum grant of \$3M will be used to build six new classrooms on the left hand side of Zone 3 when looking towards the road. The entire building plan is for ten new classrooms and we will be seeking further funding from the NSW Government to complete the final four classrooms.

A neighbour and school parent who is also an owner in the apartment block affected by the Zone 3 building work raised concerns about the placement of the new classroom block. Following discussion, it was agreed that Bovis Lend Lease, the appointed Project Manager, will address the resident's concerns directly.

### **5. Social Events**

#### ***5.1 Cockatoo Island Camping***

The Cockatoo Island camping event was a great success and will become an annual event. Preparation for future camping events will commence earlier so that we have more opportunity to get the whole island.

#### ***5.2 Welcome Back BBQ***

The Welcome Back BBQ will be the first event of 2010 and will be held early in Term 1.

### **6. Principal's Report**

### **6.1 NAPLAN Results**

A summary of the NAPLAN results was presented and discussed.

### **6.2 Request for Funds in 2010**

It was agreed that the P&C will support the School in the following areas:

- \$48,000 to fund 4 days per week of specialised learning support, ie. Two extra teachers in the STLA and GATs areas.
- \$20,000 to improve and expand playground areas and Frog Hollow.
- \$20,000 for maths and literacy resources and programming.

An immediate approval of \$10,000 was agreed to enable the School's planning for teacher support in 2010. (Mover: Geraldine Mack, Seconded: John Goumas)

### **6.3 Class Size**

There was a discussion about the size of some classes this year. The Principal highlighted that one of the constraints faced by the School is the number of available classrooms which limits the division of some classes into smaller teaching groups.

The pros and cons of reintroducing composite classes were discussed.

This matter will be given further consideration by the School in 2010. As a priority, the P&C will assess the class size situation at the beginning of the year and whether additional teaching aids might be possible.

## **7. Fundraising**

The remainder of this year's contributions will be spent on 18 Smart Boards which means that every classroom will have a Smart Board in Term 1 2010.

Fundraising in 2010 will largely operate as it has this year, ie. A voluntary contribution per student will be requested with Semester 1 Fees.

## **8. Other Business**

### **8.1 Pedestrian Crossing**

It was brought to the meetings attention that the pedestrian crossing man appointed by the RTA is not holding up the traffic unless there is a child wanting to cross Palmer Street, ie. He will not stop the traffic for adults. This is proving to be a safety issue and requires immediate attention. Jan will progress this issue with the RTA directly and will report back at the next meeting.

### **8.2 School Bus**

The 660 school bus route has been extended and, therefore, students have been arriving late to school. There is a move to change the timetable to eliminate this disruption.

Meeting closed: 8.40pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 24 February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Staffroom