

# **Cammeray Public School P&C Association**

## **Meeting Minutes – 19 May 2010 7.30pm**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance:**

**P&C Executive** - Nadine Foley, Ian Davies, Simone Spitznagel, Bruce Tulloch, Donna McNatty, Karen Pearson, Geraldine Mack, Jenny Riseborough.

**Teaching Body** - Pam Crawley, Jan Scott, Kathleen Olsen.

**Members of the School Community** - See attached

**Apologies** – Sandy Hall, Janet Morgan, Kathryn Taylor.

#### **1. Acceptance of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted subject to one amendment – Geraldine Mack sent her apologies to the meeting on the 17 March and was not in attendance.

(Mover: Bruce Tulloch, Seconded: Ian Davies).

#### **2. Fund raising update**

Of the 740 students enrolled at CPS, 683 have paid their semester fees and of those students, 529 have made a P&C contribution - this equates to a 77% participation rate. So far this year, we have raised \$103,000 through voluntary P&C contributions.

#### **3. Request for funds**

Pam Crawley outlined the schools finances as at 19 May 2010.

A breakdown of where the total receipts from the semester fees have been allocated was detailed.

In addition, an indicative budget for funding support from the P&C for the remainder of 2010 was put to the meeting. This budget comprised:

Playground improvements	-	\$20,000
Math and English resources	-	\$20,000
Technology (Incl. whiteboards)	-	\$20,000
Specialist teacher support	-	\$48,000

Approval was given at the meeting to complete the annual funding of the specialist teacher support to the end of 2010 calendar year. This

constitutes a further \$38,000, noting that endorsement for an initial \$10,000 was previously given at the P&C Meeting on 18 November 2009. Every student in the School benefits from funding this initiative through a reduction in teacher to pupil ratios.

It was agreed that the P&C will support the other items subject to further information being received or, in the case of playground improvements, quotes being obtained.

With regard to the playground improvements, Jan Scott offered to take the lead on this project. Details of recommended landscapers are to be sent directly to Jan so that plans can be drawn up and quotes can be sought. Whilst the building work continues on Zone 3, the School is focusing on Zone 2 play areas where remediation work is required.

#### **4. After School Care**

Simone Spitznagel highlighted the current status of the waiting list at the School's before/after school care (the Nanyima Centre) suggesting that this is a significant issue for the school community and we should try and work with Nanyima to assist in overcoming the problem.

There are currently 40 families on the wait list and it is unlikely that circumstances will change before the start of the 2011 school year. Availability of places is restricted as there is not sufficient "unencumbered space" at the school to cater for additional students. Expansion/relocation into off-site locations have been explored by the staff of Nanyima, however the logistics associated with transporting the children to and from the venue, coupled with the associated insurance issues this brings, make an off-site venue unviable.

It is understood that a request from Nanyima in the past to "purchase" an on-site demountable classroom which could be dedicated to their use, had been declined. It was suggested this option could be tabled again and considered by the school once all the current building works are complete and the current demountables prove redundant. Alternatively, it was questioned whether any of the new classrooms being built on Zone 3 could cater for Nanyima's needs.

Pam Crawley agreed to liaise with the staff of Nanyima to try and come to some resolution on this matter. Even if circumstances cannot be changed in the short-term, at least a medium-term plan to address the issue can be put in place.

#### **5. Building works update**

Construction of the new classrooms down on Zone 3 is progressing well with the Contractor being very sympathetic to the needs of staff and

students in the immediate vicinity. Completion of these works is scheduled for the end of the year.

## **6. School Council Constitution**

The Constitution is now complete and feedback from the wider school community is being sought.

Developing a homework policy is now the focus of the School Council with views on this matter being invited by all stakeholders.

## **7. Band Report**

Geraldine Mack asked whether there was anything precluding the School Band from seeking “sponsorship” from local retailers. It was agreed at the meeting that this was acceptable.

It was suggested that the Band Committee liaise with Pam Crawley to obtain her input as she was aware of a number of local retailers who have offered their support in the past and might be appropriate targets.

Geraldine also asked whether a position in the school reception area could be set aside for the erection of a display cabinet or shelving to house the Band’s awards/trophies. It was agreed that this was a good idea and that Arif, the schools handyman, might be able to assemble something to cater for this purpose.

## **8. Treasurers Report**

Building Fund remains at \$14,000  
P&C General Fund \$82,000

Approval was given for expenditure on the following items:

- \$1,350 on new chairs for the computer lab.
- \$10,800 from the building fund account for painting and wall remediation work on the condition that such expenditure was found to be an acceptable use of building funds from a tax perspective.

## **9. Principal’s Report**

Interviews for the second Deputy Principal position were imminent.

Lexia Learning is to be introduced at the school to highlight gaps in reading ability.

Instead of sending portfolios home this term, there will be scheduled parent/teacher interviews for every child.

Due to the Schools receipt of Federal funding, the State government has withdrawn funds for maintenance work for 1-2 years.

The sale of an entire block of units and land on the corner of Miller Street and Palmer Street has heightened awareness and interest in the land being purchased for the school. This matter has been raised with the Department of Education at a regional and state level, and it is unlikely the state budget would allow for the enormous cost involved in purchasing the block.

#### **10. Correspondence**

Nil

#### **11. Any other Business**

Nil

**Next meeting** - 16 June 2010 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room

**The meeting closed at 9.15**