

P & C Meeting

Date & Time: 2 June 2021, 7pm

Attendance: Lisa Phillips, Jono Rosconi, Allison Salmon, Jade Fernandes, Linda Smith, Janine Ralston, Adrienne La-torraca, Stephanie Miller, Carly Skeers, Lee Milligan, Renee Godden, Cassie Hotchin, Lauren Sciacca

Apologies: Jade Browett, Alex Terry, Lee Milligan

Acceptance of minutes: Janine

Item 1:

Principal's Report

Principal's Report Term 2 Week 7 2021

In my handover with Leesa and three days as Principal at Elanora Heights Public School I have seen the most amazing programs and experienced the welcoming feel of a school that truly is a harmonious community. The students have greeted me with open arms, smiles and well-articulated warm wishes which I have loved. The staff have been amazing! Their expertise, commitment and passion to the students, to Elanora Heights, to the families and to Public Education is evident and very much appreciated. Some would have been anxious with EV and P&C all in the first week of relieving as Principal but I have been so looking forward to meeting parents and community members and to address you as a P&C to say, I feel like I have come home to a truly exceptional school.

I want to share a little of my professional experiences that demonstrates my willingness to constantly grow and develop as a professional and has led me here today. My career started at Balgowlah Heights Public School, where I first taught 31 little year 1 students. After 8 fabulous years teaching across K-6 at Balgowlah I was promoted to Manly Vale Public School as Assistant Principal. I started teaching on a K/1 composite at Manly Vale and again taught across K-6. As an Early Stage 1 and Stage 3 Assistant Principal I developed a strong passion for transition and quickly recognised the need to have strong practices in place to support students starting in Kindergarten and students leaving year 6 and moving into year 7. I was given the Deputy Principal position at Manly Vale and relieved as Principal on many occasions for short and longer periods. In this role I led the DP Network and made strong connections with many of the current Principals in our Pittwater Network. Manly Vale was a bush land school with a caring community very similar to Elanora Heights.

After 8 years at Manly Vale I decided to 'spread my wings' and try something completely different to broaden my experience of schools and the Department of Education before applying for a Principal role. I applied for a corporate position in the Department's Sydney North Metropolitan Region as a K-12 Teacher Quality Advisor with the main responsibility of supporting Principals and Executives in supporting their teaching staff with Accreditation aligned to the Australian Teaching Standards. I was then asked to stay on in corporate and fulfil a K-12 Literacy and Numeracy Strategy Advisor position. In this role, I worked shoulder to shoulder with Principals and Executive teams to support their school implementation of the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy. In these roles I worked across the whole Sydney North Metropolitan area and supported numerous schools in 13 networks, schools such as Granville Boys High School, Willoughby Public School, Seaforth Public School, Putland Correctional Facility, Willoughby Girls HS, Marsden HS, Turrumurra North Public School and many more. I certainly met my goal to broaden my experience and develop a deeper understanding of the Department of Education.

In 2019 I was presenting to the Principals of the Pittwater Network where I ran into Dane Ropa the Principal at Narrabeen Sports High School. We discussed a middle school initiative in the planning stages between Narrabeen North Public School and Narrabeen Sports High School. Later I applied for the position as Deputy Principal across both schools. This dual role was another amazing and unique opportunity where I engaged in evaluative thinking and strategic planning. I worked closely with Stage 3 and Stage 4 teachers across both schools in order to build a practice of sharing quality teaching strategies and expert content knowledge with the ultimate goal of improving student outcomes and supporting the trajectory of learning from primary to high

school. I led a team of enthusiastic high school teachers from all faculties in developing a whole school literacy and numeracy program for students in year7-10 and supported the primary school in writing K-6 scope and sequences for English, writing, grammar and punctuation mathematics and HSIE history and geography. In my role I also started developing links with Elanora Heights and Narrabeen Lakes Public Schools. I worked with Charlotte Costa and Janayah Heazlewood on the science VALID assessment and supported NLPS with a whole school reading comprehension program.

At the beginning of this year Leesa Martin reached out to me and asked if I could support the Elanora Heights executive with the implementation of literacy and numeracy tools to support data informed practice in using the Literacy and Numeracy Progressions and PLAN2 to record evidence of student learning. This work was included in the Elanora Heights new school plan to be a main initiative implemented and continued over the next four years. When the relieving opportunity came up I felt a strong desire to apply and return to a primary setting where I could apply all the experiences I have had in my various roles. The rest is history as they say! It is fabulous to be here! I have visited all the students in their classrooms and as I said earlier I have already been involved in so many exciting programs running at the school. In the Principal role you often don't get to eat your lunch but in two days I have had the most delicious bliss ball and salad in a jar and the healthiest of rainbow wraps! I thoroughly enjoyed making my lunch two days in a row with 6D and 4S. I've sat with students making Rubik's Cube movies and have listened to the year 6 students collaborate on their history buddy projects. I've patted Daisy and met with the executive team for some paw shaking and robust conversations. I've met with our OSCH team, the canteen team and our cleaning and maintenance teams. I was thrilled to be in the science classroom when Janayah was presented with a certificate from Jason Falinski and showcased our students using the LEGO SPIKE Prime robotics kits purchased with the grant money received. Yesterday I attended the Aspiring AP Leadership presentation day where Charlotte Costa presented her action research project and was celebrated for her achievement. It was a delight when Ben our Band Captain came to my office yesterday and proudly presented me with the Northern Beaches Instrumental Music Festival Concert Band award for our Senior Band. I must mention Matilda Trout who is clearly a phenomenal sportswoman and congratulate her individual and team success.

Today I met with Tai Connelly our caring and much-loved Youth Worker and I watched him lead the SPARCL group through the playground. I watched enthusiastic year 2 students doing high jump with Dean our Sportspro teacher. Lastly, today the senior executive team and I delivered our External Validation to the EV Panel. Our Director of Educational Leadership, Andrew Stevenson and our Principal, School Leadership were in attendance and we had an extremely successful meeting. I can announce that after many months of extra work by the teachers and executive team and Leesa Martin that we have been validated! I would like to personally thank and congratulate our Dr Laurinda Lomas and Jono Rosconi for their leadership and articulate contributions to today's panel presentation.

I look forward to leading the school for the second half of 2021 and to attending classrooms and events where our Elanora students are representing the school with pride. I look forward to meeting students and parents, learning your names and learning about what you particularly love about Elanora Heights Public School.

Thank you.

Item 2:

Deputy Principal's Report

- Solar lights are being installed along the driveway. Consider other lighting in darkly lit areas (bush track for example).
- Commencement of the cooler classrooms project – Term 3.

Other matters:

- **Pickletown Regeneration:** The department paperwork has been lodged. Fort Knox landscapes is our preferred option.
- **Action:** Robbie Cosgrove may have sandstone blocks available. This may bring down the cost. Janine and Robbie to discuss.
- **Quote is \$40K.** P&C contribution will be \$15K towards this amount.
- **Kindergarten – Year 2 toilets:** refurb is on the department's schedule. We are moving up the list.

Item 3:

Treasurer's Report:

- Funds for the Chrome Books (\$38,000) has been transferred along with \$10,000 from the band account into the band school account.
- Canteen and Uniform shop still doing well, however we need some fundraising initiatives.
- \$124K across all accounts. Creative vouchers to come in.
- Confirmed \$15K contribution towards Pickletown

Item 4:

Canteen and uniform shop report:

- No updates this meeting

Item 5:

Social Committee Report

Mother's Day Cinema Night

- Acknowledgement for a wonderful community event. We would like to host this event next year.

Next events: for the social and fundraising committee to discuss and agree.

- Kids slime event. Term 3 or possibly Term 4.
- Parent event – a potential off site event. Narrabeen RSL? Bogan Bingo night.
- Father's Day event – consider partnering with a charity. Consider golf afternoon.
- Moonlight cinema event – Term 4 (already paid for)
- Sept 4 election: sausage sizzle

Action: call out to parents to join the social committee. Jade will organise the newsletter, Janine will mention it to Class Parents.

Other business

- Working Bee dates scheduled.
- Community Hub and P&C page updates required. Action: Adi and Janine to work on this.
- Cancel the ZOOM subscription - Allison

MEETING CLOSED: 8:45pm