

Term 2 P&C Meeting

Present:

Al Salmon, Mandy Parkes, Gaynor Adam, Claire Duncum, Emma Dacker, Suzie Stanford, Kim Wright, Natalie Donald, Janine Ralston, Linda Smith, Toni Borthwick, Kim Greenway, Jono Rosconi, Dave Waters, Mel Cunningham, Danielle Bailey, Erin Needs, Jessica Hodgkinson, Lauren Sciacca

Online: Emma Currie, Jake Deschamps, Michelle, Bethany, Simon

Apologies: Lee,

Welcome

Allison welcomed all and explained the purpose of the termly meetings.

Principal's and Deputy's Report

P&C Principal's Report – Week 5 Term 2 2023

Year 6 Camp

I'm typing this report at the Hartley Historical Village whilst accompanying Year 6 to Bathurst. We've already had the most beautiful weather and fun morning at the Three Sisters, the Scenic Railway and now here at the Historical Village. I may not be smiling at 9pm tonight when the minus degrees happen!

Fundraising

Thank you for the most amazing Mother's Day celebration. I'm sorry I couldn't attend but seeing the photos showcased the success of the event. I want to acknowledge the fundraising committee for the efforts and dedication to make the event so special for all visitors, students and staff. It was excellent to have so many parent volunteers too.

I'm trying to remember back and want to also acknowledge the work done to make the voting day fundraiser so successful as well. It was fantastic to have the cake stall and sausage sizzle buzz for several hours. The P&C team looked spectacular in their uniforms and it was a real operation to be proud of. School band students busked and raised over \$300 which was so delightful for them.

2022 P&C Contributions to the School

Last year, we as a school requested funds for outdoor Lego walls as a quiet space for students to play. This sales order was processed earlier this month and we have purchased the Lego plates. Mr Brooks is going to super glue them to the building flat outside the office so that the students have a quiet place to build Lego.

Our Drama partnership with Sydney Theatre Company and NSW University was very successful with four teachers working alongside teaching artists to incorporate high-level drama activities into their literature programs.

The remainder of the funds were spent on:

- New PSSA uniforms
- Wellbeing
- Playground stencils
- Music mural

The Pickletown upgrade was also funded by the P&C, to the value of \$10 000. It is a joy to see the students' faces as they can, once again, play in this well-loved area.

Maintenance Works

Our K-2 Bathrooms are spectacular. Thank you for your support and patience whilst the renovation was taking place. They are such up-market bathrooms with Dyson hand dryers and sensor lights.

We have made a huge effort to improve the K-2 playground space with a new garden bed, staircase, balustrades and buddy benches. We are awaiting some beautiful giant pencils with our school values to be placed in the garden.

The bush track and guide hall area are a consistent issue with moisture and drainage problems. We have had approved new concrete stairs to be built and the drainage improved. This was mainly a WHS compliance job and necessary for safety. The Girl Guides have been very accommodating by moving out for the duration of the work.

2023 Funding Requests

Initialit literacy program is now firmly embedded in the school and our teachers are loving the structure and the success already achieved through the program. The Department of Education has also created and provided units of work to be implemented in K-2 classrooms. This strong, explicit foundation of learning will set our students up for the primary and high schools with the much-needed literacy skills required to tackle any learning. Both programs require quality Decodable Readers for our students. I am requesting \$5,000 for the readers.

We have engaged an artist in residence to coincide with Education and NAIDOC weeks for Term 3. We are hoping this program will become an annual event where parents and friends can attend a school gallery showcase with each student's artwork on display. We will ask for donations to enter the gallery and a minimal fee to purchase the art. The artists are local to our area and are professional artists. In following years, we will add a charge to our yearly fees, however this year, we would like to fund the program. We are asking for \$20,000 to cover the artists and resources.

We would like to continue our drama partnership with the Sydney Theatre Company and Uni of NSW. We would like to train at least two more teachers and request \$2,500 to do this. Should we be able to train 4 teachers the cost to do this would be \$5000.

The school has purchased two buddy benches for the K-2 Cola/playground and we are requesting that the P&C support this initiative by paying for one bench, the cost is \$2,037.

Our SRC are running an artwork competition for "student voice" posters to be created using CANVA and installed on toilet doors within the school. The cost for this is \$4000.

This would be a total spend by the P&C of \$36,037.

PSSA

PSSA has moved to a Gala format due to the difficulty on the Peninsula securing buses. Friday 9th June is the first Gala scheduled. This date was chosen after extensive meetings and calendar collaborations between 9 primary schools. The Zone and State carnivals and competition dates as well as local school events have all played a part in the decision making. There also needs to be provision for wet weather back-up dates. All teams have now been finalised and we are looking forward to the Gala.

General

With the new state government elected, the teaching profession is hoping to see positive changes effected including 16000 temporary teachers being made permanent and staffing awards updated. We hope that these proposed changes ultimately have a positive effect in attracting new teachers to the profession.

We have experienced a surge in teacher and student illness. Covid and flu appear rife on the Northern Beaches. We are requesting parents and carers keep children who are showing signs and symptoms home until they are well.

Treasurer's Report

Cookie dough – raised \$3000

Election BBQ- raised \$2500

Bank accounts are reasonably healthy.

A discussion about what the school wants and what the P&C will prioritise followed.

Michelle offered to negotiate a deal with the company being considered to print student's artwork for bathroom doors. Jono to organize SRC to communicate ideas with Kirsten.

Janine raised the idea of two people once a term being employed to maintain the bush around the Bush Track. Regular maintenance to cost \$2000 a year.

An explanation of how the visual arts idea runs ensued.

P&C agreed to fund the decodable readers (\$9000), put something towards the art initiative (\$15000), pay for the buddy bench (\$2000) and look into the Student Voice sticker cost.

Fundraising

3 successful events so far this year with a plan for 3 more.

Next plan:

Disco (T3W9) 15 September

Father's Day breakfast (1 Sep) Format to be kept the same

Parent night (Term 4 Week 3) Still under discussion

Disco sub committee was formed- Kim, Meledith and Erina

A suggestion was made to look into not having prizes with fundraising.

Canteen and Uniform Shop

EHPS needs to look for a replacement coordinator for both the canteen and uniform shop. Positions vacant advertising needs to start next term. Allison to give job descriptions to the school for them to advertise in the community first.

AOB

Felicity raised via (bears mum) that she is available to talk to parents about incontinence in an after school session.

The working bee went very well with 15 volunteers. Northern Beaches council is offering more plants for another session. We acknowledge and appreciate the support of the Northern Beaches Council.

4-6 more volunteer parents per Yr 3-6 class needed for Make Your Own Lunch.

Meeting closed

Next meeting- Term 3, Week 5