

P&C Meeting Minutes

Present: Linda, Danielle, Jessie, Danielle, Nerida, Suzie, Lauren, Emma, Allison, Lisa, Dave, Jeannine, Claire, Vanessa, Jade B

Apologies: Jade F, Jono, Renae G

Welcome

Allison congratulated and praised the organisers of the disco. It was a huge success. The extras made the night.

Review of actions from prior meeting

Canteen roles will be addressed

The Bush Care working bee went well. Small plants have been planted. The next area will be near the new sign.

Principals Report

Firstly, thank you for your flexibility and willingness to move the P&C to support women in sport and cheer on our team.

Secondly, Jono sent his apologies as he is coaching the Opens NSWPSA Rugby Union team who have made it to the finals in the competition. Malakye Kennedy is in the team representing our school and region as well.

Disco

Thank you for your amazing efforts to run such a successful disco last Friday night. The fundraising team and P&C committee went to so much effort to make the night so successful, and most importantly, an awesome night for the students. They loved it!

Education Week – 175 Years of Education

It was wonderful to be able to invite families, grandparents and visitors to our school for Open Day in Education Week. We appreciate the P&C, Canteen and CommOSH teams providing and serving morning tea. We are extremely proud to be part of 175 years of Public Education and making a difference in the lives of so many young people being educated at Elanora Heights.

Expressions of Elanora NAIDOC Art Program

Our art program is well under way and artists Meredith and Liz are loving being back at Elanora with our students and staff. The artworks being produced are outstanding and demonstrate great connection to our NAIDOC work.

Tickets for the Expressions of Elanora Art Show will be sold via "Try Booking" and we would need to make use of the P&C's bank account to create this as EHPS does not have our school bank account anymore (or NSW schools share a single account). Could we please have your permission to do this?

APZ Clearing & Bush Volunteering

The DoE clearing team came in to clear the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) ahead of fire season. As a school, we are preparing for a dry season, and Kirsten and I have been working together to ensure our fire safety procedures are up to date. I want to thank our volunteer parents, students and friends who, under the leadership of Mrs Cullen, worked at our school on a Sunday working bee and during the week to clear, weed and replant near the bush track entrance.

School Photographer & EHPS Brand

We are working hard to ensure all correspondence is branded with our logo and is of the highest quality to promote our school. As you can see, Mr Robin Martin has painted this beautiful mural with our school acknowledgement of country that will be displayed in the front administration foyer. We will be using this as a backdrop also for a video of our Acknowledgement will be placed on our website, along with a flyover of our school grounds. This will be completed on Thursday 7th September by the School Photographer company. On the same day, the photographer will take some new photographs in classrooms to depict the strategic direction initiatives in our new school plan.

Kindergarten Rebranding

We have been working with a parent of our school on re-branding and updating our 'Kindergarten Orientation' resources to welcome new families to our school and hope you like our 'Countdown to Kindergarten' calendar, 'Welcome to Kindergarten' book and House Mascot friends.

Kindergarten Information Evening

All 2024 Kindergarten parents and carers will be invited to the Kindergarten Information Evening in the library on Thursday 23rd November at 6:30pm. We would love P&C representatives there.

Strategic Improvement Plan

Our new school plan has three strategic directions and each of these has two leading initiatives. Strategic Direction 1 focuses on Growth & Attainment with initiatives of Literacy and Numeracy, and Expertise in Teaching Practice. Strategic Direction 2 focuses on Wellbeing and Attendance and the initiatives being both of these areas. Strategic Direction 3 focuses on Engagement with initiatives in Community Engagement and Student Engagement.

Curriculum Reform

Thank you, Mr Waters for coming tonight. Dave works with all students and teachers across the school and is integral in supporting the implementation of the new K-2 and 3-6 curriculums through action research projects and high impact professional learning. This is a continued focus over the next few years. Thank you, to the P&C for the new decodable readers which are supporting explicit teaching of foundational reading skills.

Dave and teams presented Literacy and InitialLit Parent Information Night last term and this term presented maths information nights to support parent knowledge of current teaching practices and to help their children with their learning. These were well received and will be a practice we aim to continue.

NAPLAN Changes and Preliminary Results

We received our preliminary NPLAN results. There are four new categories that the results have been sorted into. The assessments are a point-in-time result and provide schools data on focus areas. Dave will share a quick snapshot of these.

2024

We are able to now take 'out-of-area-enrolments'. A school panel consisting of our Rel. DP (Mr Rosconi), our enrolment SAO (Mrs Shea), our Learning & Support Coordinator (Mrs Grewal) and our SAM/BM (Mrs Zeelie) make up the panel. My role is to ensure the panel has followed process. We are anticipating an enrolment of 440 students next year and are hoping to form 17 or 18 classes.

Staffing

There is a very real staffing crisis in many employment fields and teaching/education is one of those areas. To help, the DoE has made 15,000 temporary teachers permanent. At EHPS, we are very happy to celebrate the permanency of teachers; Ms Dani Levido, Mrs Jessica Ducker, Ms Hayley Prior, Ms Jen Bowra, Mrs Sara Scullin (3 days) and school administration officers; Mrs Nicole Graham (4 days) and Mrs Kate Blows (4 days). Extra permanent teachers will cover permanent teachers on maternity leave or on leave without pay arrangements and make-up for future retirements.

Book Week

We are having our Book Parade on Friday and parents, grandparents and visitors are welcome to watch the parade from 2:15pm. We are doing a little different addition with a 'Book Trail' earlier and have volunteer parents, teachers and Year 6s reading their favourite stories. Classes will visit three readings on the trail before heading to the book parade, to walk with their buddies in their costumes. I will be reading the 'Story of Pickle Town' which I asked Mrs Reeks to write for us, which she did this year. I'm hoping to get the story illustrated to be read and a part of our K-2 classrooms.

PSSA Summer Term 4

Mr Rosconi and the PSSA Committee are working on a Gala Day schedule for Term 4 as we continue to face difficulties booking buses. A proposal of two Gala Days; Friday 20th October and Friday 10th November, has been presented so far.

SAS Team Recognition Week

The DoE recognises our school administration and support staff every year and SAS week is in Week 8 which is the 4th-8th of September. I have asked each class to create a poster to be displayed in the office and a slide to be played in our foyer.

World Teachers' Day

This year, in Australia, we will celebrate World Teachers' Day on Friday 27th October in Term 4.

P&C Future

Term 4 AGM – Do we need two meeting dates?

Uniform Shop tender?

Canteen tender?

Instructional Leadership in Curriculum update

NAPLAN- the categories have changed. At EHPS a large percentage of students are in the top two tiers. The school will look at how to extend these students. Students in “needs additional support” were already identified and are receiving support.

Treasurers Report

Linda reported that the drop in the account is where the P&C money was used for the agreed purchases- art programs, seats, decodables.

Disco raised \$8000 (costs still to come out)

If anyone knows a chartered professional accountant or chartered accountant who is willing to donate their time please contact Linda

Social and Fundraising Committee update

Suzie gave her thanks to her team. Sold 373 tickets. Food sales raised a further couple of grand. A discussion on the successes was held and ideas for improvements shared.

Father's Day breakfast tickets are selling well. A few more volunteers are needed.

This is the last P&C organised event for the year.

For the next meeting, try to have the 2024 calendar planned.

Keep the mothers and father day breakfasts, school disco, Kindy meet and greet and a parent event every second year.

Canteen and Uniform update

The canteen is looking for a manager and supervisor for 2024. Ingrid will write a job description and once checked by Allison and Lisa it will be circulated first to families in the school.

Chocolate mousse is going to be rested and replaced with banana bread. Staff to help students learn what the reusable cups look like and what to do with them.

Allison explained the procedures for the next meeting. P&C positions becoming vacant are:

President

Treasurer

Vice President

The current ethos has been to fundraise and spent. Allison will write a brief explanation of what being on the P&C involves.

Next meeting & AGM – Term 4, Week 5 (Wednesday)

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm