

## **Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 8 November 2023

Present:

Lisa Phillips, Jono Rosconi, Allison Salmon, Suzie Stanford, Jessica Hodgkinson, Claire Dennis, Danielle Bailey, Kim Wright, Toni Borthwick, Linda Smith, Janine Ralston, Anna Moore, Gaynor Adam, Lauren Sciacca, Jessie Evans

### Welcome

Lisa welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Previous minutes were accepted.

### Treasures Report

Linda reported the P&C made a healthy profit (nearly broke even). P&C contributed to the:

School playground

Art program

Buddy Bench

Drama

Stencils

Readers

Money was raised through fundraising. The P & C contributed around \$35 000 to the development of the school.

### President Report

Allison recapped on the joys of coordinating for the last four years. She acknowledged the fantastic job the teachers and staff do and the amazing work Susie has done with the social committee, Janine has done and how supportive Linda has been.

Lisa declared all positions open. Payment was received.

### Election of office bearers

President- Jessica Evans was voted in

Vice- President- Jessica Hodgkinson was voted in

Secretary- Lauren Sciaca to remain

Treasurer- Lisa to see if any parents are willing

### Sub -Committees

Canteen

Coordinator-

Book Keeper- Janine will remain

Secretary -

Lisa to consider the need for these roles if new employees report directly each term

Uniform Shop

Coordinator – Lisa will advertise

Book Keeper- Janine will remain

Social and Fundraising

Coordinator- Suzie will remain

Sub Coordinator- Dani Bailey

Book Keeper- Janine

Music Coordinator-

Meeting closed

## Term 4 P and C Meeting

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### Principals report

#### P&C Principal Report

It is hard to believe we are at the end of 2023 with 5 ½ weeks to go.

Thank you to our P&C committee members and volunteers who have contributed so valuably to our school over a number of years. Our current P&C has raised thousands of dollars to ensure IT in every classroom, new curriculum readers, a buddy bench, a unique expert art program, philanthropic events, Mother's and Father's Day gatherings, student discos, Meet & Mingle events and more. Their collective care and support of the EHPS executive and staff has been felt and greatly appreciated.

There are many Year 6 families who finish at the end of this year and have no more children at Elanora. I want to thank them all for their contributions big or small to our school. Their support and willingness to volunteer has provided so much for our school. Thank you and know you are part of our EHPS family and we wish you the very best.

On behalf of the school staff and community I would like to acknowledge the many hours and hard work that four members (and their families) have contributed and who have retired from these positions tonight.

Thank you, Linda Smith for being a wise and wonderful Treasurer. You've kept us balanced and provided expert financial advice. Your knowledge, skill and dedication for finance and volunteering at events and fundraisers has made a huge difference to our school. Thank you for your service to our school and students.

Thank you, Janine Ralston for hours and hours and more hours helping in so many areas it is hard to name them all. Today alone, you and your mother worked for six hours to plant shrubs in the bush area. Your book-keeping work, leadership in the canteen and uniform shop, your bush-care and Live Life Well contributions have been impactful and significant to our school. Thank you for your service, and the service of your entire family, to our students and school.

Thank you, Jade Browett for being a positive and proactive offsideer to our President. Your understanding as a teacher, time, energy and efforts have contributed greatly to our meetings, fundraising, event organisation and running. Thank you for your service to Elanora Heights PS and our students.

Thank you, Allison Salmon for being a compassionate, caring and dedicated President. You have led our P&C committee through some tough COVID years and many changes and have remained steadfast in your support of the school and leading the P&C to support the school in the best ways possible. Significant amounts of money have been raised and many successful school, student, parent events planned and implemented whilst you've been president. You've led a committee which has been

committed, approachable and willing. Thank you for your service to EHPS students, staff, parents and the community.

As part of our P&C workforce, I would like to acknowledge the contributions and work of Ingrid and Karen to run such a fabulous canteen. Both ladies will be acknowledged in our end of year presentation ceremonies so the students and teachers can pay tribute.

Congratulations to our new P&C Committee and position-holders. We welcome you to the roles and offer support and gratitude for your time and service in advance. We look forward to many productive years working together as a P&C.

It is now more than ever that a P&C Committee and their fundraising powers are hugely valued and needed. Public education changes are occurring and impact on school funding, teacher availability and workload, and student and staff wellbeing are high on political agendas and debate topics. Interest rate rises continue to have a huge impact on people living in NSW, Sydney, the North Shore and the Northern Beaches. This has had a significant impact in our education system and student numbers. Teachers are extremely happy to have received a monetary acknowledgement of their work. This has come at a cost to our school 2024 budgets where significant cuts have been made to balance the pay rise.

2024 will be similar to 2023 where the teachers focus on new curriculum implementation. Our professional learning focus and significant funds for new resources will be spent towards this area.

Second semester reports are due to be emailed home in Week 10, in the new format following the Department of Education's updated report policy aligning to the new curriculum. English and mathematics comments will identify attitudes to learning in a sentence, the student's achievement of learning in relation to two areas of strengths in sentences and two areas for further development specific to the Key Learning Area, in dot points.

Work has begun on staffing for 2024. With many temporary teachers being made permanent, there will be less positions for temporary staff members. We have two retirements of permanent Assistant Principals; Vicki Bosler and Jenny Cullen. Both teachers have made significant contributions to our school and lasting impacts on individual students, families and teachers. Both teachers will be acknowledged in retirement and end of the year celebrations.

School maintenance has continued to take much progress in the school this term and we are very proud of upgrades to our school. CommOSH now has a brand new, state of the art kitchen, the whole school has new carpet, L-Block (year 6 & 5 rooms) have fresh paint and the ramp beside the old demountable has been removed. Both back and 100 stairs pathways have been cleared thanks to Dolphin.

Still to come, our library is having the lights and fans LED upgrade. During the holidays, H Block (K & 1 rooms) and F Block (2 rooms) will have new windows and doors, D Block (3 rooms) will have new bi-fold doors, the K-2 playground will have the bitumen replaced and concrete repoured and hopefully our electric sign will be installed at the front of the school.

There are several events coming up of important significance and we would like to ask our community to be vigilant in checking dates and times. We look forward to seeing parents and caregivers at these events to end a wonderful year of successful learning and exciting opportunities at EHPS.

Requests:

Our Kindergarten Information Night is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6:30pm in the Library. This is a perfect opportunity for the new Kindergarten families to learn about P&C and meet some committee members. It is also a time where we introduce how the canteen and uniform shop function.

School P&Cs generally have a committee and P&C member to look after and coordinate the music program in a school. Prior to my start at the school, Mr Tier was in a creative arts position and was willing to oversee this program and negotiations were made for the school to take over the running of the program. The band and strings ins a wonderfully, important program and is greatly valued by the school. It is a huge amount of work that teachers have not volunteered to take on. I have been running the program and this year employed eth Scott to be the Music Director. With limited funds and time, I am requesting that the P&C resumes ownership of the band program and sets up a committee dedicated to the running of this program. Beth has been offered a full-time position at another school and has accepted the position. I believe the smaller numbers of the groups requires less groups where we potentially move to a four or three groups model.

The NEST schools would like to organise a sponsored combined movie night for all four communities. We would require P&C support for this event.

#### Deputy Report

Jono was pleased to announce the following from the Check In data:

Reading- all grades were above average for like schools

Numeracy- Yr 4 and 6 above state and like schools

Numeracy - Yr 3 and 5 above state

#### Treasurers Report

Janine reported the canteen and uniform shop are on par I at about \$ 20 000 and P &C have about \$31 000.

#### Canteen and Uniform

Ingrid and Allison are looking at the applicants. Ingrid, Lisa and Janine will interview shortly. Allison will put together the job contract.

## Social and Fundraising Committee

A draft calendar is in place for 2024. The plan is:

6 Feb- Tea and Tissues for Kindy. P & C to host coffee and cake in Waru

23 Feb- Kindy Meet and Mingle

23 March Parent Social

10 May- Mothers Day Breakfast

31 May Disco

30 August Fathers Day

End of October- World Teachers Day

SASS week

If you have any other fundraising ideas, please email P&C.

## AOB

A reminder that a commitment has been made for ongoing funding for bush care. A bushdance as a fundraiser might be a good idea.

## **Meeting Closed**

9:10pm