

Minutes of the P & C held on Wednesday 21 November 2018 at Elanora Heights Public School

Item 1: Meeting Opened: 7.12pm

Attendance: Leesa Martin, Jonno Rosconi and the following parents: Barb La Ganza, Ro Brazel, John Drake, Julie Knox, Cassie Hotchin, Darren Greenow, Janine Ralston, Carly Skeers, Anna Davie, Jasmine McEvoy, Linda Smith and Mark Mikalaoska

Item 2: Apologies: Belinda Brown

Item 3 : Review and accept previous minutes: Accepted by Ro Brazel, seconded by Julie Knox.

Item 4: Business arising from previous minutes

- **OOSH:** no further along; they are on a month by month contract at this stage..
- **Boom Gate:** nil to report
- **LLW waste free school:** teaching staff behind the concept; P and C to purchase bins for landfill items to get started once Canteen is ready and on board.
- **ICAS tests:** At present the school offers Maths, English and Science. There are no plans to introduce the other tests. These are the most relevant for students wishing to apply for selective programs and selective high schools or programs all now require an entrance exam regardless. The school acknowledges the benefit for students to sit tests of this nature as preparation as supports ICAS as such.

Item 5: Correspondence In/Out: nil.

Item 6: GOT IT program

Kate Quick chatted about this wonderful free program Getting On Track In Time, encompassing OTs, social workers and psychologists. Focusing on child and brain development, helping students manage emotions. School will identify 6 – 8 families to work together on this. More details in brochure on website.

Item 7: Sportspro Program feedback

JRO: 50% increase in numbers of students representing at zone

- All high jump positions filled for the 1st time
- 13 place positions in field events
- 4 x 1st, 4 x 2nd and 5 x 3rd in field events alone

PSSA results:

- Extra netball team 1st time
- Junior B and Cs won
- League lost narrowly
- Tag – all teams in semis
- Senior softball sitting 2nd

- Increased fundamental movement program exposure
- What about non-athletic kids? JRo: Sportspro says all students are enthusiastic and participating well. Participation at the athletics carnival was up, and more students are giving it a go.
- Looking at gymnastics as a focus for 2109. Sports carnival in Term 1 2019 + swimming

- and cross country. Students competing at Zone getting extra training before school
- PSSA changes: not changing to morning. PSSA AGM tomorrow. Gender equality making changes: no gender in single sport option so netball and rugby league = senior and junior teams; no minimum number of boys and girls; coach looks at competitors to see ability and physique

Item 8: Year 6 Camp 2019

Expense and impact on families (financial) and year 6 teachers (time commitment) huge so looking to replace with a day excursion to somewhere like the Waterworks, Narrabeen Sport and Rec Camp or a Rope Climbing Course instead. Still have the Canberra Excursion (even years) and Gold Rush excursion (odd years) in Years 5 and 6 (alternating years).

Item 9: Principal's Report including class formation and School Fees survey Questions.

Principal's Report Term 4 Week 6

With the final meeting of the year now upon us, I would like to take a moment to reflect on 2018 and thank the P & C for their ongoing support of our school. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our P & C in providing the following for our school community in 2018:

- 2 wonderful new playgrounds for our students
- New signage for the school and anthem in the hall
- Trivia Night
- Fathers Campout
- Grade Social evenings at the Racquet Bar
- Mothers' Day Stall
- Coordination of our incredible Band and Strings programs and the production of our first CD
- Assistance with our Kindergarten orientation programs
- Morning tea for our grandparents and friends at our Open Day events
- Cards and postcards for purchase
- Establishing a revitalised, healthy school canteen
- The establishment of incredible new vegetable gardens
- Ongoing maintenance of our costume storeroom
- Ongoing maintenance of our many school gardens

We are incredibly fortunate to benefit from the support of this great group of parents. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of parents who are leaving us this year and thank them for all they have done to make great things happen for our students over their years with us at Elanora Heights. Special mention must go to Barb Laganza and Lou England who have devoted countless hours of their time to provide our students with lifelong memories. Thank you Barb and Lou for all that you have done; because of you our students are eating healthily and playing incredible music. You have left a legacy of positive student wellbeing at Elanora Heights and you will be greatly missed by our students, staff and community.

I would also like to acknowledge Halina Royle and Ro Brazel for their incredible contributions as P & C members over the past years – without your support many of our programs and events would not have been possible. Thank you.

Fees Survey –

Suggested questions tabled for review. This will be sent out next week.

Year 6 Market Day

Yesterday the Year 6 students, staff and many wonderful parents put on Market Day for the rest of the school. It was an incredible success, and a reflection of the impact of our highly successful Live Life

Well @ School program, with healthy treats and crafts available for purchase – a definite move away from the sugar laden focus of past events.

Congratulations to our students for their incredible efforts and a special thank you to their parents and teachers for their guidance and support. Approx \$4,400 was raised.

Upcoming Projects

Now that the new playground has been completed, I have asked ED Landscapes to quote for the garden bed at the entrance to the Kindergarten area, along with the bottom corner of middle oval. Middle oval will be re-turfed over the summer holidays and we are obtaining quotes for top oval also. Top oval may need to be postponed until next Spring.

The internal painting of D block will be completed over coming weeks and into the holidays, and H block will receive a new corrugated iron roof with insulation and heat extractors. It is anticipated that all work will be completed prior to school recommencing.

Strategic Plan Reflections for 2018 – presented to parents.

L. Martin

In addition to Principal's report:

Any chance of direct debit for fees? LM to look into it but not sure if the current computer system supports it.

Item 10: Treasurer's Report:

See AGM minutes.

Item 11: Electronic Sign Board

- On next year's wish list for funding; cost approx. \$25,000
- Need council approval so may not get it through due to neighbor objections
- EIS needed

Item 12: Multi sport netting

- JR got \$10,000 grant approved to go towards this.

Item 13: Seating on Top Oval

- JD suggested a break on spending and take stock of where \$\$ will be spent.

Item 14: Social Committee Report:

- RB: taking charge of up coming car raffle
- JRa: perhaps try and find sponsors at up and coming Class Parent Meeting
- Printing of tix by 5 Jan
- Possibly something in the community could be considered as a prize rather than an ipad.

Item 15: Anana Road Safety (MM):

- Correspondence re: traffic calming devices received by Council who say it's too steep
- Council says to speak to Police to monitor speeding cars in school hours
- Council say signs are up
- Council to go inspect position of signs
- Next step to see if possible barricade can be set up to stop students stepping onto the road

Item 16: Music Program (AD):

- EOY band concert @ Pittwater RSL w. Navy Band workshops w. Intermediate and Senior Bands had better participation than last year,
- Thursday coming: Strings Soiree as EOY celebration

- Band awards have been given out; Strings next Thursday
- Training Band numbers a bit light for next year bit more than this time last year
- Fiona Brock is signing String beans

Item 17 Canteen Report (BL):

- Running to profit
- Roster looking not bad for next year
- Awaiting forms to be filled out for new dishwasher and to move air conditioning unit
- Looking to implement new Waste Free school program

Item 18: Uniform Shop (JR):

- Nil to report

Item 19: Any other business:

JD suggested all committee report move to start of meetings in future then other Agenda items.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 February 2019 @ 7:00pm.

Meeting closed at: 8:45pm.

Items for discussion carried over/ to be followed up:

- OOSH
- Boom gate
- Direct Debit for Fees
- EIS for electronic sign board