

P & C Minutes, Elanora Heights Public School

Wednesday 15 May 2019

ITEM 1: Welcome: meeting opened at 7pm

Attendance: Janine Ralston, Jasmine McEvoy, Carly Skeers, John Drake, Darren Greenow, Cassie Hotchin. Allison Salmon, Anna Davis, Linda Smith, Julie Knox, Leesa Martin and Vicki Bosler.

ITEM 2: Apologies: Ro Brazel and Sue Garity.

ITEM 3: Review and accept previous minutes, 13th Mar 2019:

Accepted by JR, seconded by JD.

ITEM 4: Principal's Report, LM

Term 2 Is Up and Running!

Welcome back to Term 2. We have certainly commenced the term with renewed energy after a wonderful Easter break.

I would like to acknowledge our amazing community support once again and thank everyone involved in not only the Band Workshop Day but also the Mothers' Day stall and car raffle. These events ran very smoothly and provided opportunities for our students to further develop their academic and independence skills.

It has also been lovely to see so many parents and grandparents supporting recent school events such as the Make My Own Lunch Program, Easter Hat Parade, Athletics Carnival, Cross Country Carnival, Parent Reading Workshops, various music events and the GOT IT program. As a school we have focused on providing more opportunities for our community to engage with the school and it is excellent to see that many parents are taking these opportunities.

Year 6 Camp

Congratulations to our Year 6 students on their exemplary behaviour at camp this week – every place we visited commented on how well behaved and polite our students were. My thanks to Jono Rosconi and Charlotte Reddan for their outstanding organisation of a fantastic 3 days of outdoor education.

New Events and Opportunities

New events taking place this term involve our Year 1 students commencing violin lessons every Friday with Mark Stevens and our Year 5 students commencing their Dancesport program with Miss Emma and Mr Elliott.

We are also delighted to announce that our Yr 3/4, Senior Girls and Senior Boys Dance Groups have all successfully auditioned for the Sydney North Dance Festival. This is an acknowledgment of the outstanding work being done in the performing arts space at our school, being one of only a couple of schools to have 3 items accepted. Congratulations to Jack Tier, Charlotte Reddan and Leigh Evans-Bullock who choreographed these dances – excellent work!

NAPLAN online

As you are aware, this year we have transitioned to NAPLAN online, with students in Years 3 and 5 completing the tests over a 2 week period and on laptops or stand-alone computers. This has been a huge process for the school and I would like to acknowledge Dave Waters, Clare Hagon, Janayah Heazlewood, Greg Mawson, Robert Lawrenson and Laurinda Lomas for their actions in bringing our school online. Information regarding student results will be sent home once we are notified.

Driveway Fencing Project

Work is now well underway with the fence being installed along the driveway. This will provide greater safety for our students and hopefully greater confidence for parents wishing to drop their children at the top of the driveway to enter the school independently.

Uniform Options

A group of senior girls have requested we consider providing a short and long pants option for the girls. Several girls would prefer to wear pants instead of the tunic or culottes, particularly in the cooler months. The proposal is to make the grey pants available for all students. (This was approved by the P & C).

Art of Leadership

Last week 4 of our executive staff attended the second 3 day Art of Leadership seminar in the city, (the first 3 days being completed during the holidays in January). This outstanding program involves the development of leadership skills to improve performance and team management, ultimately leading to improved student outcomes. Having previously completing this course in 2018, I am looking forward to attending the Master Class in Week 5.

This professional development program forms part of our strategic planning for leadership and has already resulted in improved leadership skills for our team.

LM detailed that female primary students have petitioned her to be allowed to wear the boy's winter uniform trousers. The P&C unanimously agreed to trial this change. If the numbers of girls wearing the grey trousers is high, the P&C may add tartan trousers to the uniform collection.

Assistant Principals Report, VB

VB gave the P&C an overview of the Student Representative Council (SRC). The aim of the SRC is to grow and develop student leadership skills and to provide students with a voice. Procedures and practices are embedded in the six to eight yearly meetings. Prior to the meeting, each class decides what their main issue or idea is for their representative to take to the meeting. Those items passed by the majority are then carried to a meeting with the Principal. Currently, primary students are writing to the local Council about the need for a bus shelter. Infants students are engaged with formulating rules for the new playground.

ITEM 5: OOSHC tender process – K Block proposal, LM

LM proposed that the school could put a tender out for a new OOSH provider and new OOSHC structure to be built on K Block. In return for the build, the provider would have a 5+5-year lease with the ability to provide before and after school care, as well as vacation care. This potential change in location would bring OOSHC to the front of the school near accessible parking near the guide hall. The two Kindy rooms nearby could potentially be repurposed to suit the needs of OOSH and/or become a performing arts space. The two classrooms OOSH are currently using could then be used as regular classrooms.

LS noted that student numbers would need to rise for the providers to absorb the building costs. LM said there is currently a waitlist for OOSHC. AS asked what the building disruption would be. LM said that the build could potentially occur in the Christmas holidays. LM said that the tender committee would include parents. JD put forward the motion that LM could proceed with putting this idea out to tender. The P&C unanimously agreed with the motion.

ITEM 6: Work, Health and Safety Report, LM

The Department will replace all old roofs by 30 June 2019.

ITEM 7: Correspondence In/Out, CS

- **Anana Road Update** – Parent Joanne Moylan and neighbor Bob Sanders have both received written updates from the Council regarding their safety concerns over Anana Road. The Council's Transport Network team is currently undertaking a Safer Schools Project. They have begun to survey Principals. For Anana Road they are looking at additional traffic calming devices and pedestrian safety fencing.
- **School Banking** – The P&C received an email from the office detailing that school-banking participation has declined. The P&C receives a very small commission from CBA. JM noted that parents can still promote banking outside of school; JK and CS both voiced that is not a good fit culturally for the school; AS said it is not appealing to the masses and isn't a good use of volunteers' time. After unanimous agreement, JD will contact the banking volunteer with the view to wind up school banking by 14th June 2019. JD will communicate this decision to parents via the newsletter.

ITEM 8: Treasurer's Report, LS

The P&C main account and three sub-committee accounts have healthy balances. LS proposed paying all payroll liabilities from the main account rather than the sub committee accounts. This was unanimously agreed.

JD suggested that at the next meeting we come with ideas on how the P&C funds could be spent.

ITEM 9: Finance Committee Report, DG: None

ITEM 10: Class Parent Report, JR: None

ITEM 11: Social Committee Report, AS

The Mothers Day stall was well received by the community. It was a fun day for students and volunteers, and teachers' assistance in organizing the students was much appreciated. Approximately 1,600 gifts were bought and over 1,000 were sold (the remainder are being kindly stored by AS).

JD said that we needed to start organising our term 3 social event. He will talk to Ro to get the ball rolling on ideas, with hopefully help from last year's social committee. AD and JR voiced their favour for a casino night.

ITEM 12: Canteen Report, JR

The canteen has had their new fridge installed and implemented a number of winter menu changes. The canteen team is pulling together an application for an environmental grant to help with their waste reduction plans.

ITEM 13: Music Program Report, AD

The music workshop at the start of term 2 was a success. The new conductors are settling in well and the intermediate band members have also transitioned smoothly to the senior band. The decision to combine the bands was based purely on numbers – the intermediate band had less than 10 members. The committee aims to return the program to three bands in 2020 and is working on a number of recruitment ideas. The bands will be playing at the upcoming Pittwater Music Festival. Term three workshops may have its format tweaked, which may include creating an orchestra between some band and string students. The band committee will hold a BBQ and cake stall at the school on Election Day, 18th May 2019.

ITEM 14: Uniform Shop Report, JR

It was decided that due to unseasonably warm weather, winter uniforms will not have to be worn until after the June long weekend on 11th June 2019.

ITEM 15: LLW@S Report, CS

The LLW@S team is well prepared for the upcoming infants program, Eat a Rainbow. The team is energised after the success of the MMOL program and subsequent positive press that the program received.

ITEM 16: Any other business: None.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

ITEM 17: Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th June at 7:00pm.

Items to be carried over to the next meeting:  Suggestions how P&C funds can be used.