

P & C Minutes, Elanora Heights Public School Wednesday 7 August 2019

ITEM 1: Welcome: meeting opened at 7pm

Attendance: Janine Ralston, Carly Skeers, John Drake, Cassie Hotchin, Anna Davis, Ro Brazel, Darren Greenow, Julie Knox, Brendan Smith, Allison Salmon, Sarah Burns, Karen Woodley, Lauren Sciacca, Leesa Martin, John Rosconi, Jen Renoden, Janayah Hazelwood and Laurinda Lomas.

ITEM 2: Apologies: Jasmine McEvoy, Linda Smith and Sue Garity.

ITEM 3: Review and accept previous minutes, 12th June 2019:

Accepted by RB, seconded by JD.

ITEM 4: IT resource request, JH

JH recently attended an Education Technology Conference, where she continued her research on interactive whiteboards. Clever Touch is a new giant interactive tablet that has recently come onto the Australian market. Their pricing packages include the panel, software and free updates, 5yr warranty, on-going technology support, installation and free teacher training. JH has managed to secure 25% reduction in the price of the tablets, bringing the cost of a classroom 65-inch board down to \$2,999.

The newest smart board in the school was bought in 2010. This technology is dating rapidly and there are many boards that are becoming inoperable. Repairs are not feasible because spare parts are unavailable and repair costs have risen (\$500 last repair).

JH, together with the support of LM, proposed that the P&C consider purchasing twelve Clever Touch boards at an approximate cost of \$37,639. Ideally, additional funds would be raised to fit all 28 classrooms out with the boards over the course of the next year.

A discussion was then had on how the boards would be allocated across the classrooms. JD and RB voiced that given the last P&C purchase was for the infant's playground; perhaps they should be distributed to the primary students. JH and LM said that a needs basis would be the fairest and most practical way to allocate the first boards given that five boards across K-5 are non-repairable and the relocation of boards would cost \$1,000 per board. JH and LM suggested that the science room could get one of the first boards so then all students from K-6 get exposure to the boards once a week at a minimum.

In LS's absence, CS said her notes showed that the P&C have approximately \$60,000 available. The P&C then discussed how much of those funds should be allocated to the boards. JD believes the account shouldn't fall below \$40,000, but others voiced that due to the urgent nature of the request and the lack of overheads from the band, uniform

shop and canteen, the balance could fall to \$20k (CS) or \$0 (JRa). DG then asked whether the school would be in a position to contribute funds, which LM was open to and will investigate.

The P&C then discussed how they could raise enough funds to supply all classrooms with boards over the next 12 months. CS suggested that we could bring back the voluntary contribution. AD added that a Go Fund me campaign could be effective.

JD moved that the P&C commit to purchasing the first twelve boards at a cost of no more than \$38,000. The motion was passed unanimously.

ITEM 5 & 6: Principals Report and Work, Health & Safety Report, LM

Welcome to Term 3! We are now in the second semester of the year with much to celebrate in terms of progress being made by our students and staff. Our strategic plan is on track and several grounds projects are nearing completion.

- Fencing project – complete
- Carpark adjacent to Year 1 classrooms – complete
- Bush track regeneration and modification – complete and awaiting opening
- Regeneration of top and middle oval – complete
- Erosion mitigation and access to top oval – complete
- Installation of combined soccer/football goalposts – scheduled for this term
- Stormwater mitigation project – stage 1 complete. Stage two under construction
- Wall collapse in carpark – awaiting scheduling by insurance company
- Footpath to top oval re-laid to address trip hazards – complete
- Footpath into school trip hazards – in process, awaiting scheduling
- Dish drain in carpark – scheduled for work

Maintenance of a site such as Elanora Heights is an ongoing, very time consuming task and I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Kay Millar and Andrew Brooks in helping to bring these tasks to fruition.

School App

We were notified earlier this year that our current app provider would no longer be available. We have investigated several companies/options and would like to consider School Stream as our new provider. They will provide training for staff and parents to ensure full functionality is utilised by our community. * video shown. Seeking P & C support to move forward

ITEM 7 & 8: Deputy Principal Report, JRe and JRo, and Instructional leader of Mathematics, LL.

LL has begun in a new role in term three as an instructional leader of Mathematics across three schools. EHPS on Wed, Thur and Fri and two other schools at the start of the week. LL will be sharing her expertise with teachers, so that curriculum improvements and teaching methods can be

built on. She has begun this role with Stage 2 and Kindy classes at EHPS.

JRe and JRo will be job sharing LL's Deputy Principal role. This flexibility will allow both JRe and JRo to keep a presence in their semester one classes.

ITEM 9: Correspondence In/Out, CS

- **First Aid Course** – available for P&C groups;
- **Thank you card** – for generous raffle prize.
- **Allawah Ave Footpath** – local parent JP emailed to ask for P&C support for a footpath extension on Allawah Ave. JD will touch base with JP and compose a letter of support to local councilors.

ITEM 10: Treasurer's Report, JRa: None

ITEM 11: Finance Committee Report, DG: None

ITEM 12: Class Parent Report, JRa: None

ITEM 13: Social Committee Report, RB

Tickets for Bogan Bingo are now on sale (7 Sept 7:15pm – 10:30pm). The hall will accommodate a maximum of 180 people and seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. Attendees will be asked to bring their own drinks and nibbles. LM extended her apologies for not being able to attend the full night.

The next social event run by the P&C will be the Fathers Day Campout in term four on October 26th. LM advised that this would remain an alcohol free event.

ITEM 14: Canteen Report, JRa

The canteen team is currently planning taste testing Tuesday's for the students. This initiative will run during September as part of Healthy Kids Fruit and Veg month. Recipes will be made available through the newsletter.

The canteen recently received 5 out of 5 stars for their Work, Health and Safety inspection.

ITEM 15: Music Program Report, AD

It has been a busy start to term three, which was kicked off by the successful 1.5 day music workshop. LM thanked the parent volunteers and staff member JT for their efforts. IN other news, the senior strings performed at the Opera House in week 2; blow and bow tests will soon be held for stage 1 students; conductor recruiting is commencing for 2020; training band members for 2020 will be trialing instrument specific classes in term four; and a music information night will be held on Sept 10.

ITEM 16: Uniform Shop Report, SG/JRa: None

ITEM 17: LLW@S Report, JRa

The LLW@S team will be rolling out their MMOL program at MVPS for Years 3-6 this term. JRa has applied for a grant to install another drinking fountain and replace existing bins.

ITEM 18: Any other business:

- School working bee date may be moved to early in term 4 instead of in the next few weeks;
- RB will coordinate a SASS appreciate lunch in week 7;
- LM asked for suggestions for parent presentations in 2020, AS said a technology based one would be appreciated, and JMc has voiced in correspondence that information around social media would be appreciated.
- JK voiced that Ethics will be losing four of their six volunteers next year. LM will put out a call in her newsletter. DG expressed his thanks to the outgoing volunteers.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

ITEM 19: Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th September at 7:00pm.

Items to be carried over to the next meeting: [L
SEP] *Clever Touch Boards