

P & C Minutes, Elanora Heights Public School Wednesday 4 September 2019

ITEM 1: Welcome: meeting opened at 7pm

Attendance: Janine Ralston, Carly Skeers, John Drake, Cassie Hotchin, Ro Brazel, Darren Greenow, Jasmine McEvoy, Linda Smith, Sally Waters, Bridget Bullock, Leesa Martin and John Rosconi.

ITEM 2: Apologies: Allison Salmon, Julie Knox.

ITEM 3: Review and accept previous minutes, 7 August 2019:

Accepted by DG, seconded by JD.

ITEM 4 & 5: Principal's Report and Work, Health & Safety Report, LM

Condolences are warmly extended to the Beck family during this difficult time. The community is deeply saddened and extends the family any help that may be of use.

Clever Touch boards are potentially being ordered for the whole school. The cost will be approximately \$93k, with the P&C committed to contributing \$38k. The installation will take time to achieve a roll-out for the whole school.

Two multi purpose goal posts and nets will be installed next week – one set on middle oval, the other on top oval. Many thanks to JR for her coordination of the grant application which contributed \$10k to this project.

A number of building works are taking place over the school grounds.

- The grate in the staff car park has been fixed;
- The staff car park wall is stable, but a cosmetic fix will be needed;
- The driveway drain is scheduled to be cemented this weekend after a number of delays;
- The Department will be replacing broken pieces of the footpath along the driveway.

Statewide enrolment changes will come into effect in term 4, which will have an impact on out-of-area enrolments. In future, all OOA applications will need approval from the Director, Educational Leadership.

ITEM 6: Deputy Principal Report, JRo

JRo presented a brief overview of the Yr 3 and Yr 5 NAPLAN results. The test was online this year and allowed the questions to move in response to the ease or difficulty shown in the student's immediate answers. This new functionality is very informative on an individual student basis for teachers. The new format did not allow for a comparison of previous years' data.

The results showed that numeracy is a target area for the school. It is envisaged that Laurinda Lomas will extend her work through the school and into next year to improve in this area. The lower bands continue to have a low number of EHPS students (a reflection of the work from the learning support staff and quality teaching programs). Going forward, the staff will be focusing on lifting the performance of the middle group of students and extending the top students. Student engagement from Years 3 to 5 will also be reviewed.

JRo and LM brought forward an issue which had been raised through the class parent meeting regarding the inconsistent implementation of the current tiered award system. This problem has been an issue over many years with no review. Each teacher uses different in-class reward systems with sound success. The goal of the staff is to increase autonomy and internalize motivation for students.

A suggestion has been made that the staff review and consider the removal of the current reward tiers. Non-tiered acknowledgement of student achievements are still a priority for all staff and they will be looking at all options.

DG suggested that the SRC be consulted before a final decision was made. This will be taken to the next SRC meeting. JR to follow up and report back to P & C. Full consideration will be given to students currently close to achieving the highest levels of the current system to ensure they are not disadvantaged.

The P&C voted unanimously to support the removal of the current tiered reward system.

ITEM 7: Correspondence In/Out, CS – None.

ITEM 8: Business Arising from Previous Minutes, All

- **Music Uniform** – It was originally proposed that the P&C could purchase shirts for the band. The Music Committee has decided to change the band uniform to the school winter uniform with the gender-neutral blue button up shirt.

ITEM 9: School Bathroom Idea, SW

SW expressed that there are many students refusing to use the school bathrooms causing them to experience bowel problems. She conducted a parent and student survey to find out why students were hesitant to use the bathrooms. The results overwhelmingly described the bathrooms as not clean; soap missing or slimy; missing paper; and feelings of being scared or unsafe when using the toilets.

LM said that the K-2 toilet block is on the Department's list for a full upgrade (she will follow this up with the Department). LM will also revisit the plan to install auto flushes for the urinals.

SW voiced that if the bathrooms were painted and the children had input that they could install a pride of place and raise respect. JD suggested sensor lights to avoid the current behavior of turning the lights off by students. JRa offered to put this plan on the working bee list.

SW will provide a concept and budget to LM and the P&C. The toilets near the hall will be targeted first.

ITEM 10: Treasurer's Report, LS

The main account is sitting at \$51k. After the \$38k withdrawal for the Clever Touch Boards and a small injection from the Bogan Bingo night, the balance should be sitting around \$15k. LS suggested that a \$20k balance was ideal to cover PAYG, Super and insurance for the three sub-committees.

The Music account is at an unusually high \$36k. JRa explained that was because of school funding and because we have two bands rather than three. The money is earmarked to buy more instruments and to provide a safety net for a new term four program where new band students will have small group lessons by instrument. Student fees should cover costs, but the committee would like to keep the initial cost low to encourage participation.

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: None

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

ITEM 19: Next Meeting: Wednesday 30 October at 7:00pm.

Items to be carried over to the next meeting:  *Bathrooms