

## **P & C Minutes, Elanora Heights Public School Wednesday 2 Sept 2020**

**Attendance:** Leesa Martin, Jono Rosconi, Cassie Hotchin, Janine Ralston, Carly Skeers, Allison Salmon, Linda Smith, Renae Godden, Jade Browett, Belinda Brown, Jade Fernandes and Sue Garrity

**ITEM 1: Welcome:** AS opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**ITEM 2: Apologies:** Anna Davis and Ro Brazel.

**ITEM 3: Review and accept previous minutes, 5 Aug 2020:**

Accepted by AS, seconded by JRa.

### **ITEM 4 & 5: Principal's Report and Work, Health & Safety Report, LM New COVID Procedures**

Since we last met we have seen further tightening of restrictions in schools which has impacted extra-curricular activities such as band, choir, dance, PSSA sport, camps, excursions, buddy activities, after school care and all community user groups. We are also still unable to have parents on site which limits our student support programs.

In response to these restrictions, we have reviewed many of our school operational systems and as such have amended the boom gate times to limit the number of parents coming on site before and after school. Whilst this caused some initial resistance, most parents and all community user groups have been very supportive of the changes and have adjusted to the new routines well. We are very grateful for the support.

The new boom gate operational times also addresses the safety issue we have battled for some time in the carpark, with an incredible improvement noticeable in the afternoons. For this reason, the new times will remain in place once restrictions are lifted.

### **Kindergarten Orientation – Virtual Experience for 2020.**

This year we will be doing our orientation program virtually via Google Drive and the website. We will be creating videos for this purpose and will seek key people from the P & C to feature – canteen, uniform shop, president, LLW@S etc.

Lauren Mason will be coordinating this project so she will be in touch with these people over coming weeks.

### **Athletics Carnival Goes Ahead!**

With all the cancellations in 2020, it was so lovely that we were able to continue with our athletics carnival at Narrabeen Sports Academy last Tuesday. It was a chilly but spectacularly sunny day at the venue and our 3-6 staff and students relished the opportunity for a day outdoors! The

carnival ran very smoothly and allowed our talented athletes to shine in their individual events, despite being unable to continue to a zone carnival. Our thanks to Miss Dani Levido and the admin team for pulling the day together so quickly.

### **OSHC Tender Process**

The Department has been contacted again regarding the tender application for our OSHC provider and we are awaiting a response. In the current economic climate it is probably unrealistic to realise our initial goal of a new build, so we will try again with current buildings being used as part of the tender process.

The results of a recent parent survey conducted by the OSHC have been forwarded to the P & C president for consideration.

### **SASS Week**

A very big thank you to the P & C and especially Cassie Hotchins (and Barb La Ganza) for providing a lovely lunch for our hard working SASS team last week. This annual event is much loved by our admin team and very much appreciated. We really are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team assisting in the running of the school and supporting our students.

### **Mural**

The mural along the back of H block is underway with completion due by the end of this term. The children are enjoying seeing it take shape and a group of students were involved in creating animal drawings to be added to it today.

We will include some photos in the newsletter this week to share the progress with the community.

### **ITEM 6: Deputy Principal's Report, JRo**

Year 6 will partake an online assessment on Science and Technology this week. This helps to identify where students are placed going into high school, and provides feedback to EHPS on the effectiveness of their science program.

Year 3 and 5 will undertake a Check -In assessment in coming weeks (this replaces Naplan this year and results will be for internal EHPS staff use). The Tell Them From Me survey for students, parents and staff is now open.

PCS Emotional Health Survey results are due to be received in the coming week. This survey covered Yr4-6 students. Student opt-in numbers had risen significantly from 2019. This project has been successful in a one million grant application through BUPA and will be rolled out through NSW with very few changes to the format developed by our PCS team and Ron Rapee – this is an outstanding achievement for our community of schools and a real credit to the excellent work done.

## **ITEM 7: Correspondence In/Out, CS, None**

## **ITEM 8: Uniform Shop Report**

- New photos have been taken and will be uploaded to the website.
- Winter jacket – There are currently three options - fleece jacket, microfiber jacket and woolen jumper. SG said our climate doesn't support a heavier jacket. AS said water proof was desirable – can microfiber jacket be replaced? SG said microfiber matched sports pants and hat. JB suggested we revisit this next year if the appetite remains.
- Polo shirts – new light weight shirt from a local supplier. SG to test washing samples. Majority voted on new polo shirt addition.
- JF offered to help with Kindy sample size testing with preschools.
- Price increase – SG to bring more information on price increase proposals to the next meeting.

## **ITEM 9: Business arising from previous minutes**

- **Adopt amended P&C prescribed constitution, JRa**

AS has completed paperwork. Does the P&C have a view how long people stay in position to be included in the constitution? LS said three years would be a sweet spot; AS healthy to keep people rotated; LM, JRa and JB said a recommendation of three years would be ideal.

- **Pickletown restoration**

LM has engaged three external providers for quotes, they range from \$10 to \$52k. The cheaper quote has a natural improvement vibe, keeping the essence of Pickletown preserved, rather than a major landscaping effort. LM said that if the cheaper option was chosen, funds set aside by the P&C could be used for bush track regeneration. The P&C agreed on the natural improvement quote.

- **Lunch tubs**

CS asked if lunch tubs for each class were being used for lunch boxes and jackets. LM said to her knowledge classes were using them

## **ITEM 10: Treasurers Report, LS**

There is approximately \$40k in funds that could be made available for expenditure.

## **ITEM 11: Social and Fundraising Committee Report, CH**

CH said that submissions for the time capsule book were low.

## **ITEM 12: Canteen Report, JRa**

Volunteers are missed, but the three staff members continue to keep the canteen running smoothly. Order turnover remains solid. There are no intended menu changes on the horizon. A reassessment of changing JobKeeper conditions will happen in coming weeks. BB said she would love to see GF toasties return.

**ITEM 13: Music Program Report, AD via JRa**

Strings continue as usual. The Training Band and Senior Band are having percussion and rhythm lessons to the end of term 3 in light of recent changes by NSW Govt. Ten Yr 2 students have signed up for the 10 week glockenspiel program.

**ITEM 14: Any other business:**

AS has Mother's Day Stall items in storage – should they be donated? LM suggested the items could be donated to Yr 6 students for end of year fundraising efforts.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

**ITEM 15: Next Meeting:** Wednesday 28 Oct at 7:00pm on Zoom.

**Items to be carried over to the next meeting:** Pickletown restoration