

Ellison Public School P&C Association

Minutes of the General Meeting – 16/8/2017

Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting opened: 7:32pm

Present: Allison Todd, Sam Clarke, Michelle Engelhard, Anita Ksiazek, Brendan Cusack, Rob Francis, Tenille Weir, Rebekah Kaminski, Belinda Bishop, Amy Vasiliev

Apologises: Chris Lewczak

Meeting Chaired By: Allison Todd

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Basketball Jerseys - Brendan proposed a motion to donate (via sponsorship) up to \$500 for new basketball jerseys. Seconded by Rebekah.

Sun Shades – To do a Facebook poll on possibility of integrating into uniform.

Motion to accept previous minutes proposed by Anita. Seconded by Sam.

Correspondence: P&C magazine, canteen buyers guide.

Treasurer's Report:

PayPal - \$352.66
Uniform Shop - \$3360.73
General Account - \$23,490.84
= \$27,204.23

Pls note = Not currently included, \$694.80 from Open Day cake stall.

Insurance paid, cert of currency issued.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report proposed by Rebekah. Seconded by Belinda.

Fundraising Report:

Father's Day Stall – Notice to be put on Facebook page and also in newsletter. Purchasing complete apart from buckets that will be purchased from Bunnings.

Disco – September 7th. Motion to spend up to \$400 on purchases for disco. Seconded Sam. Term 4 disco pencilled in 30th November.

Canteen - To start up term 4. Tenille to ask for volunteers.

Motion to spend up to \$1000 to stock canteen proposed by Tenille. Seconded Rebekah.

Principal's Report:

Open Day – I was very impressed with Open Day. The concert was of high quality. Congratulations to Mrs Parry, Mrs Wallis for the organisation. I thank all the performers and their teachers for their dedication in preparing their classrooms, their performers, the art walk and the Book Fair.

I thank the P&C and all those who baked goodies for their efforts in making Open Day a highly successful day.

Mr Michael Hooker, Director of Schools attended on the day and was very impressed!

Group Photos – This will occur tomorrow Thursday 17th Aug. Photos will be taken of School Leaders, SRC, Year 6, Sports House Captains, Choir, Violins, Recorder groups, School Band, African Drumming, Library Monitors and Ukulele.

If your child belongs to one or more of these groups could you please ensure that they wear full school winter uniform?

Kindergarten 2018 – If you know of anyone with children who are commencing Kindergarten in 2018 can you please encourage them to collect an information pack from the office and complete enrolment forms.

Tell Them From Me Surveys – Students (4-6), Parents and Teachers will be requested to complete surveys. Our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell the From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents and carers perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 22 September. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

STEM Action Schools Project

Classes 3M, 3/4B and 4P have just commenced involvement in this project.

STEM. S = Science, T = Technology, E = Engineering, M = Mathematics

They are hoping to integrate what they have learned into some engaging units of work for their students. They will also upskill staff on what they have learnt.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers – The general feeling was that it is difficult to collect sufficient numbers of stickers when there is no local store. The nearest Woolworths is in Emu Plains. You have to collect significant numbers of stickers to purchase decent resources.

Attendance awards – I would like to know the parents opinions on Attendance Awards as there seems to be some discussion stemming from my Facebook post about illness and keeping children at home when they are sick.

Kindergarten 2018 Parent Information Night - This will take place on Wednesday 18th October at 6.00pm at school. Could one or both Vice Presidents attend to address the new Kindy parents?

Interrelate – Interrelate program has been booked for Wednesday 15th November

Session 1 – 6:00pm “Where did I come from?”

Session 2 – “Preparing for Puberty”

Cost:

\$30 per family for one session

\$35 per family for both sessions

New business:

Hall Cleanliness – General concern about cleanliness/hygiene. Rob to investigate.

Toilets in hall/disabled toilet – Concerns raised of hygiene, and plumbing issues. Rob to investigate.

Red Carpet – Used for Yr6 event, currently missing. P&C to investigate.

School Photos – Rob to discuss with staff in regards to changing photos to summer (start of year)

Meeting closed: 8:35pm