

Ellison Public School P&C Association
Minutes of the General Meeting – 15/8/2018
Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting opened: 7:32pm

Meeting Chaired by: Allison Todd

Present: Michelle Engelhard, Katrina Gabriel, Sam Clarke, Rebekah Kaminski, Allison Todd, Matt Jobson, Chris Lewczak, Rob Francis, Tenille Weir, Colleen Luxford, Sarah Luxford

Apologies: Amy Vasiliev

Business arising from previous minutes:

Signs – Changes made to original designs, members agreed on preferred version. Rob to organise.

Acceptance of previous minutes: Motion proposed by Katrina Gabriel, seconded by Michelle Engelhard. Motion passed

Correspondence: Canteen healthy choice, fundraising

Business arising from correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

PayPal = \$141.00

Uniform Shop Account = \$4,588.98

General Account = \$15,742.18

Total = \$20, 472.16

Profits this month have come from athletics carnival BBQ/canteen, clothing pool, walk-a-thon, walk-a-thon company sponsorships (Glenbrook Landscapes Pty Ltd, Mortgage Choice Blue Mountains), and uniform shop.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Alan Magner, seconded by Rebekah Kaminski. Motion passed

Sub Committee Reports:

Walk-a-thon – To date (15/8/2018) Sponsorship has raised \$8195.00. The walk-a-thon Committee has received mostly positive feedback about the event, and has passed on any concern to the school staff. Stations set for the day and station placements to be decided. Allison Todd has been in contact with the Rotary Club who will organise a BBQ.

Film by the Eucalypts – Rob Francis has asked the P&C to donate \$1000 towards the start-up costs of this film festival. All school involved have asked their P&C for similar donations. Rebekah Kaminski proposed a motion to donate money towards this event. All P&C members in favour. Motion passed.

Father's Day Stall – Preparations going well, however, more funds are needed to make additional purchases. Tenille Weir proposed a motion to spend an additional \$1000 to buy gifts for the Father's Day Stall, seconded by Chris Lewczak. Motion passed.

Open Day – Sam Clarke to run a cake stall, will ask for donations of baked good via our P&C Facebook page.

Principal's Report:

P&C Report 15.8.18

Film by the Eucalypts

This November, Ellison PS will be one of 7 Blue Mountain schools (2,024 students) directly involved with launching "**Film by the Eucalypts**," a short film festival made by NSW Public School students. The range of schools stretch over a vast 66km of the Mountains, from Glenbrook to as far as the Megalong Valley. The red carpet event is open to the public and will be launched on November 7th at Springwood Hub. 24 films will be shown in front of a matinee and evening audience (800+).

The teachers and students of Class 1J have been busy storyboarding ideas, scripting and filming their short film. We wish them every success!

The P&C association of each school is being asked if they can donate \$1000 as a 'one-off' donation to get the film festival up and running. The aim is to make Film by the Eucalypts self-sufficient by the second year. Is Ellison P&C able to help out?

School Uniform Policy Guidelines

The NSW Department of Education has revised its School Uniform guidelines. Please read the handout, which has already been included in this week's newsletter. Feel free to discuss any possible issues.

Teacher Professional Learning

Different teachers have attended the following professional learning courses:

- Effective Reading Instruction
- Learning Progressions
- Synthetic Phonics
- Spelling
- Personal Development / Health / Physical Education

School Plan – Strategic Directions

This year we commenced a new three-year plan for the school. We have recently reviewed our strategic directions and I'm pleased to report that we are on track in most areas. The following dot points summarise what we have achieved so far this year:

Strategic Direction 1 – Quality Teaching, Learning and Leading

- Additional professional learning to strengthen 'Sentence of the Day'
- Professional learning in synthetic phonics and spelling
- School Development Day – 'Seven Steps to Writing Success'
- Commenced 'Spirals of Inquiry' in writing

- Best Start testing implemented in Kindergarten
- Personal Learning Plans / Pathways developed for targeted students
- English as a Learning Dialect (EALD) programs developed and implemented for students who are new arrivals

Strategic Direction 2 – Wellbeing

- Implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) / Student Welfare programs
- Further Positive Behaviour for Learning Training (Tier2)
- Implementation of Peer Support program
- Various learning interventions for students such as MultiLit, MacqLit, Language for Writing, Quicksmart Numeracy
- Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for students with disability gathered
- SLSO support for a range of identified students

Strategic Direction 3 – Strengthening Community

- Year 6 visit to Winmalee High School – Expo Day
- Successful Community Breakfast, Easter Hat Parade and School Discos organised by P&C
- ‘Tell Them from Me’ survey number 1 successfully completed (Years 4-6)
- Recorders and Violin groups performed at the Sydney Opera House
- Selected staff training in film making in preparation for ‘Film By the Eucalypts’ Short Film Festival
- Principal attendance at Mid Mountains Learning Community meetings and Stronger Family Alliance meetings
- Parent Information meetings and Parent / Teacher Interviews conducted
- Parent Helpers sought
- Parent Expertise Survey sent out to parents
- Parent presentations to classes – science experiments, didgeridoo demonstrations etc.

I thank everyone for their incredible efforts in making this all happen. I will share further successes with you during Term 4.

School Development Day

Our final School Development Day will be in Term 4 Week 2 Monday 22nd October. We have the opportunity to have a day of professional learning with Joanne Dooner around aspects of English.

Spirals of Inquiry

First Spiral commenced on 24th July when all teaching staff met in stage groups to examine the teaching of writing. A follow up will occur on the 4th September.

Athletics Carnival

A massive thanks to Ms Jackson for her efforts in organising another outstanding Athletics Carnival. Thank you as well to the P&C and parent helpers who went out of their way to support the carnival by looking after the sausage sizzle and the canteen as well as taking on other roles of responsibility.

Featherdale Excursion

Our kindergarten students thoroughly enjoyed their first excursion. Their behaviour was outstanding and I'm sure they learnt a lot about Australian animals. Thank you to the parents who helped out on the day. Your attendance was much appreciated.

Pulse Concert – Sydney Opera House

A massive thanks to Mrs Wallis for her dedication and commitment in supporting our students to participate in the Pulse Concert. It was a memorable experience for all, one I'm sure they will never forget. Thanks to the parents for their support and to the children for their attendance.

Musical Viva

All students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the Musical Viva Performance. It gave great insights into the life of Leonardo Da Vinci (inventor, painter, sculptor, and architect).

Coming Up

Term 3

Peer Support continues

Tuesday 14th August - Musical Viva

Life Education - Wednesday 8th August, Monday 13 – Thursday 16th August

Stage One excursion – Long Neck Lagoon - Thursday 16th and Friday 17th August

Girls Soccer Gala Day – Thursday 23rd August

Sport and Special Group Photos – 31st August

Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival – Matinee at 10.30am on Tuesday 4th September, Twilight Performance at 5.30pm on Wednesday 5th September.

Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals on Wednesday 12th September at Blaxland PS – Junior Final 9.30 – 11.30am (Hannah Plane, Diya Merchant), Senior Final 12.30 – 2.30pm (Oliver Dickens, Jasper Musgrave)

Rob's follow ups

Signs – P&C and Staff to decide on design of the signage.

Disco – our next disco is on Thursday 6th September. I have booked Kel the DJ.

General Business:

School Uniform Policy Guidelines – P&C member discussed, and have postponed making any decisions until the next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 9:01pm

NEXT MEETING: 19th September 2018