

Ellison Public School P&C Association
Minutes of the General Meeting – 18/9/2019
Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting opened: 7:37pm

Meeting Chaired by: Allison Todd

Present: Katrina Gabriel, Allison Todd, Rob Francis, Corrine Bowes, Nic Webb, Michelle Engelhard, Matt Jobson, Rebekah Kaminski

Apologies:, Sam Clarke, Tenille Weir, Anne Worthington, Brendan Cusack

Acceptance of previous minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting (August 2019) by Corinne Bowes. Seconded by Matt Jobson. Motion passed.

President's Welcome: Welcome and thank you everyone for coming on this wet night.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Grants - the Schools Community Fund grant is due on 30 September. Kylie Bishop is trying to get quotes for rubber softfall however it is proving challenging with companies not getting back to her. The one quote she has received is for \$44k. too expensive so she is going to look at quotes for synthetic grass as well as that may be more affordable. Katrina to follow up with her.

Gardens – council has removed the trees this week. The area is looking really fresh. Rain has hampered this weeks efforts, however Michelle will look at doing one more week of gardening near the disabled carpark space next week and then that will be all until next year as term 4 will be too warm for planting etc.

A parent has volunteered to do a sandstone border around the memorial garden. He has spoken with Rob. Waiting for WHS students to come out and help with the memorial garden. Glen has bought poles and a local aboriginal artist will be doing some painting on them for the space.

Girls Summer Shorts – Allison provided some samples of girls navy shorts from Midford and LWR. LWR are a more affordable option however the Midford is a much nicer short. We will take the options to a school vote- perhaps an online survey, eg. Survey monkey or google docs. We can supply a photo on facebook, on our website and in our newsletter, as well as having the shorts on display in the office. Allison will take some photos of the shorts being worn.

Correspondence: Christmas products, P&C Federation Newsletter

Treasurer's Report:

As at 18/9/19

General Account Balance: \$30, 703.28

Uniform Shop Account Balance:

Paypal: \$1,152.00

Total Balance: \$31, 855.28

Net Change from Previous Report: +\$4000

Paid \$1000 for our insurance.

Cake Stall from open day gave us a good income with no expenses - \$717.65 profit

Athletics carnival- banked \$1720 on 30/8. Apx \$1000 in expenses, including canteen and rotary/BBQ. Perhaps we need to look at increasing some canteen prices next time to make it more worthwhile.

Apx \$1000 profit from Father's Day stall

We have received \$5,355 from trybooking for online movie night sales. Expenses and cash sales still to be accounted for. Will be able to get final numbers next meeting.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Corinne Bowes. Seconded by Rebekah Kaminski. Motion passed.

Sub Committee Reports:

Movie Night – The movie night was a great success. Get job by the committee. We took \$4,754 cash on the night – including walk in ticket sales and food/ drink purchases.

We sold 273 sausages, 55 steak sandwiches, 38 pumpkin soups and 38 minestrone soups. We ordered 250 choc tops and sold 224. We had a lot of drinks left over, and quite a lot of cakes. Lolly bags were very popular and sold very quickly.

Our income including sponsorship is \$14,854.70. We are looking at a profit of around \$10k but expenses still need to be allocated and we are waiting on final invoices to pay. Will confirm numbers next meeting.

Disco – the DJ is free on both dates (5/12 and 21/11) so Rob will reconfirm the 5th December as the date for the Christmas disco.

We have a gift outstanding from Nivarna hair studio that was donated for the movie night, it was suggested that maybe we could look at holding a Christmas raffle to be drawn at the Christmas disco. We would need some more donations/prizes. More discussion needed, tabled for next meeting.

Principal's Report:

Follow ups

- Bell – approx. \$600 to replace conduit around the school.
- Skoolbag – purchased and will come into effect when relevant staff have been trained

Sincere Thanks

We had an incredible movie night with over 700 people. The organisation was outstanding. Thank you to all involved!

School Development Day Term 3

Jo Dooner worked with staff at our School Development Day on **Monday 26th August 2019.** She has guided us in effective programming for Quality Literacy Blocks. Shortly, each stage will have a planning day to commence planning literacy blocks.

Community Sing Out

Our choir were outstanding in their performance at Community Sing Out. A big thank you to Mrs Wallis for her efforts.

Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival

Our dancers were incredible at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. Thank you to Mrs Nicolle and Mrs Becker for preparing them so well.

Debating

Our school debating teams were both undefeated in the gala day held at Springwood PS. Congratulations to the coach, Mrs Tailford and the teams.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Zoe Nicolle and Frano Hirst represented in the Years 5 and 6 Regional final.

Ulysses Legrand and Olivia Dolezal represented in the Years 3 and 4 Regional final.

Staff Professional Learning

Yesterday, staff participated in a three-hour professional learning event by Daniela Falecki on Teacher Wellbeing.

NAPLAN Tests

Analysis to be presented to P&C today.

Leave – Mr Francis

I will be on leave for the first three weeks of next term. Mrs Tailford will replace me during this time.

Tell Them From Me

Could you please urge parents to support the school by completing the 'Tell Them From Me' survey?

Last year we managed just over 100 responses. We have had 39 responses so far this year.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 19th September - Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting – Warrimoo PS at 4pm

Term 4

Monday 14th October – Friday 25th October – Swimming Scheme

Friday 25th October – Summer Games

Rob Francis

General Business:

Open Day Communication – it has been raised by a number of parents, in particular Kindy parents, about the lack of communication about Open Day and the Book parade. Although the date was in the term parent calendar, there was no description about what it is exactly- no communication to parents that their child should dress up for the book parade, and some parents thought Open Day was a day for next years Kindy parents to see the school. Perhaps a note with description about the day and what is expected could be communicated to parents. Rob will give the feedback to teachers.

P&C Incorporation – currently there are two Government Grants out for applications from community organisations, including P&C's, however we need to be incorporated. Katrina has looked into getting incorporated and it is a one off fee of \$100, plus some extra conditions around auditing / accounts and the constitution. Sounds OK on the surface but members would like to read through the information before voting. Katrina will send through information for reading and we can discuss next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 9:41pm

NEXT MEETING: 16th October