

Ellison Public School P&C Association

Minutes Of the General Meeting – 21st February 2018

Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting Opened: 7:57pm

Meeting Chaired by: Allison Todd

Present: Tenille Weir, Matt Jobson, Katrina Gabriel, Candice Smith, Rob Francis, Danielle Sciberras, Sam Clarke, Michelle Engelhard, Chris Lewczak, Sarah Higginbotham, Laura Smith, Casey Loudon, Alicia Windeisen, Allison Todd, Amy Vasiliev, Brendan Cusack

Apologies: Julie Lawson, Rebekah Kaminski, Alan Magner

Business Arising from previous minutes:

Garden/Signs: Rob to investigate further. Deferred until next meeting.

Soccer Jerseys: Designs discussed. Company used Sommer Sportswear. \$35 per shirt, \$8.80 socks. Looking at 2 sets. Allison Todd to discuss with Mrs Jackson in regards to design and sizing. Discuss further next meeting.

Netball Equipment: Sarah Higginbotham to look into prices/design for netball shirts and bibs. Sarah proposed a motion to spend up to \$120 on new netballs, both practice and match balls, for the school. All members approve. Motion passed. Sarah has also volunteered to do a stocktake on all school's sports equipment.

Cordial/Water Insulated Dispensers: Danielle Sciberras to organise. Brendan proposed a motion to spend up to \$200 to purchase 2 dispensers. Seconded Tenille Weir.

Tenille Weir proposed a motion to accept previous minutes. Seconded by Chris Lewczak.

Correspondence: Canteen/Mother's Day Stall catalogues. Uniform shop. Parents and Citizens Magazine. Various fundraising. Letter from Springwood District Christian Churches Association with \$500 cheque attached. P&C to organise a thankyou card/certificate.

Treasurer's Report:

Paypal: \$66.00 (awaiting a \$900 transfer)
Uniform Shop Account: \$3,249.62
General Account: \$14,494.51
= \$17,745.15

Motion to accept Treasurer's report proposed by Tenille Weir. Seconded by Chris Lewczak.

Fundraising:

Easter Raffle/Cake Stall: Sam Clarke to run cake stall. Will organise a Facebook post to ask for donations. Aiming to send out raffle tickets 12th March. Sam, Michelle, Allison, Tenille and Amy to

coordinate raffle tickets. P&C will organise a Facebook post/notice in newsletter about chocolate donations for the raffle prizes.

Mother's Day Stall: Tenille organising purchases and stall, and will do a stocktake of leftover stall items. Sarah Higginbotham proposed a motion to spend up to \$1000 on new items for the Mother's Day Stall. Seconded by Chris Lewczak.

At this stage the stall will be held Thursday 10th May.

Term 1 Disco: Aiming for 22nd March. Rob to ring DJ.

Tenille to do a stocktake on disco supplies.

Sarah Higginbotham proposed a motion to spend up to \$100 on disco supplies. Seconded by Chris Lewczak.

Principal's Report

P&C Report 21.2.18

Annual School Report

Is in draft mode and will be finalised shortly.

Annual Financial Statement

Copies supplied to P&C

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has settled in well and students have been separated into classes.

Swimming Carnival

Ms Jackson organised an outstanding carnival. The students' behaviour was outstanding and the level of support from staff and parent helpers was highly valued and contributed to a great day!

Sport

Trampolining has commenced in ES1, Stage 1 and Stage 2 classes. The feedback on the quality of the program is very good.

I have spoken to staff to ensure that all stages will have **one paid sport** per year due to financial constraints among parents.

However, there might be some exceptions for students in Class 4/5J.

Music

Programs such as Violin and Band has commenced

Dance Groups and Choir are just about to start.

Parent Information Night and Interviews

Successful parent information nights and interviews were held for all stages.

Scripture & Ethics classes

These classes commenced today. Please note that the Ethics class has a new teacher. Ethics classes will be for the students who attended ethics last year.

Brewongle Camp / Milson Island Camp

Coming up at the end of Term 1.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Letters will be sent out to parents. The main purpose of the meeting is to share information. The teacher may wish to share observations on the children or seek further information

about the child. The parent may seek information about general behaviour so far but will not receive comprehensive information about their child as yet. The parent may also share information about their child's interests, health and medical conditions etc

Voluntary Contribution Fees

These notes will go out next week.

I stress that voluntary contributions are simply that: voluntary.

Storytime

Storytime program organised by Mrs Tailford has commenced and already we are seeing increased numbers of parents and grandparents bringing young children to participate in this fantastic program.

School Plan

We are completing the final revisions of the new school plan. An important of the plan is to increase student outcomes. Our plan includes:

The phasing in of morning routines across the school. Morning routines involves

Two types of teaching

1. Lesson – Teacher takes what is in her head & puts it in head of children
2. Routines - are taught same way every day
 - Provide regular practice
 - teach small concepts at a time
 - are safe & build confidence
 - build general knowledge in preparation for High School

Morning Routine

- Teaches difficult concepts over long periods of time
- All students succeed at their level
- High expectations
- Fast paced

It works because it encourages:

- Children to do small amounts often
- Whole school commitment
- Learning to *automaticity*
- MASTERY

Automaticity is that ability to do things ***without having to think*** about them at a conscious level. When we do something automatically, the mind isn't occupied with the small details of the task.

In achieving automaticity, we free our brains – our working memories – from the details of the task, allowing us to use that brain power to do more, building on those sets of automatic skills.

MASTERY involves:

Speed

- Work with a sense of urgency.
- Teach at a fast pace.
- The 3 second clean!

Accuracy

- Insist on correctness.
- Insist on the things that should be automatic.

Volume

- Students MUST try to complete as much as possible & increase daily
- Expectations are high.

Writing

NAPLAN results indicated that writing was an area of need. All staff will be attending a School Development day on Monday 7th May. This is not the first day of term. This is actually Term 2 Week 2.

School buses and Out of School Hours Centres (Tanderra & Pinaroo) have already been informed.

Mathematics

Further professional learning in Mathematics will occur in Semester 2

Community Involvement

Strong Nation Church has been at school for some time. Due to the loss of one class this year we have been able to allow them to use a classroom for their Sunday School Students. They have offered their support for the school in the following ways:

- To assist at a working bee
- To purchase a new screen

Fund raising

Disco dates:

Thursday

Thursday

\$300 per disco for DJ

Tech Fit?? Combined effort from P&C and Staff?

Fund Raising Targets

- Air Conditioners (some are beginning to break down)
- Interactive Whiteboards – Interactive Touchscreens

Rob Francis

New Business

Airconditioning: Rob Francis has asked P&C to contribute toward new airconditioner for one classroom and the repositioning of another unit in another classroom. Brendan to organise payment with Rob.

Golf Club Sponsorship: Rob to speak with club and discuss at next meeting.

Welcome breakfast: A welcome back/welcome new families. Rob to organise note/Facebook post.
Week 6 23rd March

Sarah Higginbotham proposed a motion to spend up to \$400 on supplies for the BBQ. Seconded by Brendan Cusack.

Defibrillator: Quotes received, however Rob needs to investigate further. All decisions deferred until all necessary information received.

Meeting closed: 9:33pm