

Ellison Public School P&C Association

Minutes of the General Meeting – 17th May 2017

Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting opened: 7:32pm

Attendance: Tenille Weir, Allison Todd, Brendan Cusack, Sam Clarke, Chris Lewczak, Rob Francis, Sarah Higginbotham

Apologies: Rebekah Kaminski

Meeting chaired by: Allison Todd

Business arising from previous minutes:

New Website – Second quote received to make/host school uniform website. Approximately \$3000 from Blue Mountains Websites, in comparison to Stralia Web which quoted approximately \$1500. Chris proposed a motion to choose Stralia Web to set up and host (for 12 months) our new website. Seconded by Rob. Chris to be point of contact.

School Shades – To put a link on our P&C page to ask the Ellison community for their thoughts.

Soccer Jerseys – Allison to investigate and compare Elite Sports, Veto and Captivations for their range of jersey options. Also to include netball clothing.

Chris proposed a motion to accept previous minutes. Seconded by Brendan.

Correspondence: Thank you cards and fundraising

Treasurer's Report: Paypal account: \$1077.24
 Uniform Shop: \$2265.73
 General Account: \$23,490.84

Brendan proposed a motion to pay P&C insurance. Seconded by Chris.

Chris proposed a motion to accept Treasurer's report. Seconded by Sarah.

Fundraising:

Cake stall – Sam Clarke to organise cake stall for Open Day/Book Parade (Tuesday 15th August), ask for donations from Ellison community. Brendan to organise coffee van.

Father's Day stall – Brendan proposed a motion to release a further \$300 for gifts. Seconded by Sarah. Brendan proposed a motion to spend up to \$40 for a pricing gun for future stalls. Seconded by Sarah.

Principal's Report:

Evaluate thinking – I attended a meeting of Principals to gain strategies for evaluating the existing school plan and prepare to develop the next school plan 2018-2020. I will be consulting extensively with the P&C, parents and general community regarding Department priorities and our specific priorities. The opinions of everyone are absolutely essential to ensure that we are all on the same page. Consultation will commence in late Term 3 or early Term 4.

Spirals of Inquiry – This is a new framework for professional learning. Mr Francis, Mrs Pavan, Mrs Tailford and Mrs Wallis attended this professional learning. There will be further professional learning before implementation with the staff. We are hoping to use this framework to improve results in areas of need.

Responsible Pet Education - Teachers and students have reported that this program was a success. Thank you to Mrs Wallis for organising this event.

Sport – We were successful at the Winmalee Cup Gala Day

We won:

Winmalee Plate in Football (Senior Boys)

Winmalee Plate in Football (Junior Boys)

Winmalee Plate in Netball (Junior Girls)

Thank you to all of our parents who trained the students for these competitions.

School knockouts in touch football and soccer occurred and we were beaten in both sports.

Ms Jackson organised a highly successful Athletics Carnival encouraging maximum participation.

Touch football Gala Day occurred yesterday.

Sport Term 3 involves:

Stage 3 Cricket

Stage 2 Cricket and Tennis

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 – organised sport as well as Latin Dancing

Disco – Thank you to the P&C and supporting parents as we had a very successful School Disco on Thursday 15th June. Well done to all!

Buddy Bench – I have contacted a charity call Buddy Bench Project who state that they have a Buddy Bench available. Heidi, from the Buddy Bench Project is going to email pics and further information of the buddy bench and request coloured that we would like painted. Since then, the Buddy Bench has been delivered to Mrs Tailford.

Winmalee High School Musical – Over 300 students attended an excellent production highlighting the amazing talents of students from Winmalee High School. This should inspire some of our primary students who may have ambitions to be involved in musicals in the future.

2017 Festival of Choral Music – Next Tuesday 1st August, some students from Ellison Public School will be performing at this prestigious festival, which is held at the Sydney Opera House. Good luck to all the students and also to Mrs Parry and Mrs Wallis who have worked so hard to get them to this standard.

School Development Day – The main focus was on Growth Mindset. It was about encouraging students to be resilient and not to give up when mistakes are made. Teachers have been equipped with a range of strategies to support students in class.

Additional School Development Day – MAPA Training – The Management of Actual or Potential Aggression Foundation Course occurred on: Tuesday 18th July 3-6pm and Tuesday 25th July 3-6pm. This eliminates one of our school development days at the end of the year.

School Plan – A new school plan will be developed for 2018-2020. I will be commencing consultation with the community in the near future. Please encourage parents to be involved in the development of this plan as I would like as many parents as possible to give ideas, strategies and opinions on the strategic directions of the school.

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.

Staffing 2018 – There are currently some staff vacancies so I may be calling on a parent representative from the P&C to be part of some panels.

Life Education – Most of our students attended Life Education and gained some great strategies to assist them make healthy life choices.

African Drumming – Commences again for 4 weeks on Thursdays – 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th August

Stage 1 Science – Thursday 27th July. A group of scientists will be coming in to support students with science experiments on a number of concepts such as evaporation and filtration.

Tell Them From Me Surveys – Students (Yrs 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 them from me* suite of surveys (Student, parent and teacher surveys) on student engagement. The surveys ask 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.

This 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>

Rob Francis
Principal

New Business

Uniform shop - Changes in some wholesale prices. P&C have agreed to adjust prices as necessary. To commence new prices on website 1st August.

Basketball jerseys – Possible sponsorship. Should this fail, P&C will organise to make payment of basketball jerseys.

Netball/Basketball court – Concerns raised that the grounds are unsafe/unhygienic. Rob to look into this. Also concerns raised in the lack of supplies and accessories (netball hoops, soccer balls, netballs etc. P&C to look into pricing, contributions etc.

Meeting closed: 9:20pm