

Ellison Public School P&C Association
Minutes of the General Meeting – 17th June 2015
Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Meeting Chaired by: Rebekah Kaminski

Present: Allison Todd, Tenille Weir, Julie Lawson, Michelle Engelhard, Rob Hutchinson, Brendan Cusack, Chris Lewczak, Belinda Bishop, Danielle Sciberras

Apologies: Gemma Rowntree, Laurel Wallis

Acceptance of previous minutes: Motion to accept Mays minutes by Luke Morrissey. Seconded by Chris Lewczak.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Working Bee

- Rob advised that the main job that needed completing was mulching.

Soundfield System

- Luke has ordered and paid for the Soundfield systems. We are currently awaiting a date for installation and presentation to parents/staff of how it works.

School Photos

- Rob has moved school photos to 1 April 2016 as per request at the last meeting.

Science Donation

- The science kits have now been ordered after the \$5000 contribution was made by the P&C.

Girls Winter Pants

- Feedback has been received via email and on Facebook regarding the changing of the girls winter check pant to a navy pant. Feedback has been mixed but looks like most of it favoured a change from the current check pant to a plain pant. It was decided to send home a survey with the results of the survey to decide what option is taken. However it was decided not to give the option of a plain maroon pant in the survey as this looks too close to the current sports uniform. The options will be either the current check pattern or plain navy blue. Motion to send home a survey to parents regarding the girl's winter pants by Belinda Bishop. Seconded by Danielle Sciberras.

Treasurer's Report:

- The balance of the General Account is \$9477.04. The balance of the Uniform Shop Account is \$1485.99. Both accounts balance.
- Luke has met with Westpac but is still to change the accounts over.
- He is also looking at using Wave for our online software. He is aiming to have it up and running for our new financial year as at 1 September 2015.

Sub Committee Reports:

Uniform Shop

- The “uniform shop” has now been moved to its permanent home under the Year 3/4 classrooms. Luke managed to obtain a free set of shelves so the only costs have been to buy plastic storage tubs to hold the stock. Stocktake has now been done.
- Faulconbridge Public School P&C is now moving ahead with starting an online uniform shop. They are utilising the student who headed up the group that made the uniform website for us. It was clarified that the website content belongs to the students who made it and they are happy to help Faulconbridge adapt it for their own use. The website will be ‘piggybacked’ on to ours.
- Allison brought up the possibility of giving the lead student on the website project a gift as he is still assisting her with many aspects of the website and is doing so long past the time outlined in the project.

Disco

- The disco went well. A total of \$1151 was taken at the door. Costs are estimated at around \$270.00.
- Next disco to be scheduled for the 10th September with a backup date of 17th September 2015.

Father's Day Stall

- The 1st September was chosen for the date of the Father's Day Stall with the 3rd September to be used for the second/leftover stall.
- Motion proposed to spend up to \$1000.00 to purchase goods for the stall by Luke Morrissey. Seconded by Chris Lewczak. Motion passed.

Athletics Carnival

- Coffee man is already booked for the day.
- Luke to look into possible volunteers for the BBQ. Tenille to organise the canteen.

Principal's Report:

- There has been an increase in interest in starting Primary Ethics classes again. Rob is meeting with these people to organise training and hopefully offer classes next year.
- Interrelate is solidly booked and can only offer two dates to choose from in Term 4. The 25th November was chosen.
- After the purchase of new science materials the focus is now on getting the new syllabus up and running for the second half of the year. Rob showed printouts of the items contained in the kits. Total cost was around \$12000.
- Reports are going home next week. Parent/teacher interviews to be held next term. Discussed the possibility of changing reporting times from the current schedule. For example reports to be issued in Term 1 and 3 and could include less 'reporting' and more parent/teacher interviews.

Meeting Closed: 8.27pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 15th July 2015