

Ellison Public School P&C Association

Minutes of the General Meeting – 17th May 2017

Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting opened: 7:32pm

Present: Allison Todd, Anita Ksiazek, Chris Lewczak, Brendan Cusack, Tenille Weir, Rob Francis

Apologies: Belinda Bishop, Amy Vasiliev, Rebekah Kaminski, Sam Clarke, Dee Sciberras

Meeting Chaired by: Allison Todd

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Motion to accept previous minutes proposed by Brendan. Seconded by Chris

Special Guest:

David Whetton, founder of company School Shades attended to present his range of UV protective sunglasses. High Australian standards and high quality materials used to make.

- Possibility of integrating into school uniform
- Comes in various sizes
- School name professionally printed on side arm
- ID panel on the inside of sunglasses
- Comes with a protective hard cover case with clip
- Fully compliant with the highest AS/NZ 1067:2003 UV rating
- Investment in the long term eye health of your children

Tenille to send an email to all P&C members with information on the product. Defer decision until next meeting.

Correspondence: NSW P&C, uniform shop, canteen

Treasurer's Report:

PayPal = \$630.00

Uniform Shop Account = \$747.01

General Account = \$24,411.21

= \$25,788.22

Motion to accept Treasurer's report proposed by Chris. Seconded by Anita

Sub-committee Report:

Mother's Day Stall: A big thankyou to our helpers for the day. Thank you to our teachers and our well-mannered children for making it a fun and successful day.

Disco: Rob Francis to confirm 15th June with DJ. Chris proposed a motion to spend up to \$200 on purchases for disco snacks. Seconded by Tenille.

Principal's Report

Annual School Report: This has just been published on the school website. Please feel free to download and print off.

Spirals of Inquiry: This is a new framework for professional learning. Mr Francis, Mrs Pavan, Mrs Tailford and Mrs Wallis attended these 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.

Anti-bullying show: Students attended an exciting show that supported students to avoid being a bystander and to report incidents of bullying. It was an engaging show for all K-6 students.

ANZAC Day: Excellent response from the community for the Springwood march – approximately 110 students attended with their families. Additionally, a well organised ANZAC Day ceremony conducted at the school by Mrs Becker.

Cross Country Carnival: Ms Jackson organised a very successful carnival. The student's behaviour was outstanding and the level of support from staff and parent helpers was highly valued and contributed to a great day.

Sport: Students had an outstanding day at the Western Sydney Wanderers Cup. As always, student behaviour was excellent. Winmalee Cup is on Tuesday 20th June. School knockouts in Touch football and soccer will occur shortly. Dates will be announced as soon as they are finalised. Permission notes will follow.

Disco dates: Thursday 15th June, Thursday 7th September. \$300 per disco for DJ

P&C: A massive thankyou to the P&C for organising the Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle for Easter Hat Parade. Also, the Mother's Day Stall was outstanding. Thank you to all involved. Massive thankyou to Tenille Weir and team for outstanding organisation.

Facebook: A few issues are being discussed on Facebook that are affecting staff morale. Issues such as the Techfit fundraiser, comments such as 'students being told they MUST get more donations for Techfit', general complaints about having to bring money in for a range of things. Rather than complain on Facebook, can people please come and have a chat with me? This way, people will actually be heard.

Buddy Bench: I have contacted a charity called Buddy Bench Project who state that they have a buddy bench available. Heidi, from the Buddy Bench Project is going to email pictures and further information of the buddy bench and request colours that we would like painted.

Upcoming events:

Friday 19th May – Zone Cross Country

Thursday 1st June – Responsible Education (K-2)

Soccer and Touch Football knockouts – dates to be announced

Tuesday 20th June – Winmalee Cup

Friday 23rd June – Athletics Carnival

Rob Francis

New Business

Athletics Carnival: The P&C to organise helpers to help with running canteen and sausage sizzle via Facebook page. Chris proposed a motion to approved \$1000 to buy supplies for BBQ and canteen. Seconded by Brendan.

Flowers: Flowers of condolences sent to families who have suffered a loss. \$50 per family proposed by Brendan. Seconded by Chris.

Ellison Community Kitchen: Suggested by an Ellison family who would like to see donations of meals and/pantry foods to be donated to other Ellison families or people in the local community that may be in need. Our school has shown massive community spirit in the past, particularly after the 2013 bushfires, where parents got together, making lunches for children who lost their homes, contacting bushfire affecting families and supplying them with food and toiletries hampers. It will take some time to get something like this set up and further discussion needs to take place with P&C members before we can start to act. A wonderful suggestion and something the P&C will continue to look into and discuss.

Uniform Shop: Due to the expanding number of orders to fill, money is required to purchase uniforms to fill these orders. Brendan proposed a motion to transfer \$2000 to our uniform account to cover costs of invoices. Seconded by Chris.

P&C Uniform Shop Website: Needing to establish and administer website. StraliaWeb has quoted approximately \$1500 initial set up (web design, set up, hosting, and emails for committee) and \$250 per year maintenance. P&C will manage site. Brendan to seek a comparable quote with another company before final decision is made. Chris proposed a motion to keep aside \$1700 for website set up. Seconded by Brendan.

Football Jerseys: Suggestion made to design/purchase new football jerseys for our Ellison Junior and Senior soccer teams. Allison to look into costs, possible sponsors etc. 14-15 players plus goalkeeper.

Meeting closed: 9:26pm