

Ellison Public School P&C Association
Minutes of the General Meeting – 21st May 2014
Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting opened: 7.33pm

Meeting Chaired by: Rebekah Kaminski

Present: Rebecca Harris, Kate Morrissey, Rob Hutchinson, Tenille Weir, Gina Frampton, Sam Devile, Jo Allan, Anita Ksiazek, Allison Todd

Apologies: Rona Hulbert, Laurel Wallis

Acceptance of previous minutes: March's Minute's – Motion to accept – Gina Frampton. Seconded – Rebecca Harris.

President's Welcome: The P&C has been busy since we last met with lots of events taking place. There was the great success of the Easter Raffle. A big thank you to Rebecca & Gina for all their efforts. The Cake Stall also went well. The Mother's Day Stall was hectic but it successfully raised money on the day and the kids enjoyed it.

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

- We have received correspondence from the P&C Federation regarding the election of delegates. They will be elected from the Presidents of P&C's within the state.
- We received a thank you card and certificate of appreciation for hosting the recent Community BBQ from Liz Murphy from the Neighbourhood Centre.

Treasurer's Report:

- The March/April report does not reflect all of the takings from the Easter Raffle/Cake Stall. The report balances.
- It has come to Jo's attention that a \$15 fee will be charged to the P&C for the cancellation of cheques. Please bear this in mind when you receive a cheque from Jo and bank it promptly.
- The P&C will need a new treasurer next year. If anyone is interested please approach Jo.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – Sam Devile. Seconded – Anita Ksiazek
- Jo also needs to buy items for her event kit for eg, petty cash tin, calculator, small receipt book. Motion to buy these items – Rebecca Harris. Seconded – Tenille Weir.

Sub Committee Reports:

Easter Raffle

- The Easter Raffle raised over \$2000 and the outlay was only \$50 for tickets. It went really well and we had a great response with donations from Ellison families.
- We will need a few volunteers next year to help with putting together ticket books. This was the most time consuming part of the process.

Mother's Day Stall

- Adara was not present at the meeting so report given by Rebekah.
- \$2800 has been deposited into the bank account. The cost of the stock has not yet been taken into account. Estimating a profit of around \$1400.
- The plants for the day were a popular option.
- The organisation of the day was not so smooth but once the stall was set up the day ran fairly smoothly.
- The Cake Stall at the Easter Hat Parade went well and raised enough money to make it worthwhile.

Uniform Shop

- Deferred as Claudia not present.

Disco

- The scheduled date for the disco was the 21st of May which clashed with present P&C meeting. Rebekah decided on a new date of 5th June.
- Motion to accept new date – Jo Allan. Seconded - Sam Devile.

Canteen

- Tenille Weir has agreed to take over the running of the canteen in Term 4.
- We will need volunteers for the Athletics Carnival on the 22nd of July, for the Canteen and the BBQ.
- It was decided to shorten the time that the BBQ is available as it takes up too much time.
- We will get a coffee van again.

Principal's Report:

- We had a fantastic roll up of kids at the Anzac Day March again this year. Ellison had over 100 kids and was by far the best represented school in the march.

- Due to changes in the National Curriculum this year in the English syllabus, the reporting of this particular area in the half yearly reports will change. We will use the same format as previous years but the English component will change.
- The Staff Development Day for this term was held on Monday 19th May. The staff did some planning work and sat the Year 3 Naplan maths test in the morning. They then travelled to Lawson in the afternoon to listen to a presentation by Dr Michael Nagle. He spoke on the latest brain theory and research and how it relates to the 21st century learner. He spoke of the increasing technology that kids are exposed to and the effects it has on them, including the impact on their sleep. Rob appreciated parents complying with the change of date for the SDD and acknowledged the impact it has on parents having to arrange childcare etc.
- Rob also met with the P&C Executive to come up with a survey regarding uniform for parents, staff & the Student Representative Council to complete. The survey was reviewed by members of the meeting.
- Volunteers are needed to help Rob with the setup and running of the Interrelate Session. Jo and Rebekah volunteered. Numbers for the session are still low. Queried the possibility of sending a note home to parents.

General Business:

Ethics Classes

- Rebecca has received information emailed from the Ethics Coordinator for Penrith/Blue Mountains.
- Volunteers would need to be provided by the school and the organisation would arrange the training of them.
- As ethics classes are very popular there is the possibility that first preference would be given to children attending non scripture. Also discussed sending home a note to non-scripture student to see if they would be interested in attending ethics classes.
- Rebecca to get more information and present to the next meeting.

Bus Passes

- The P&C received an email from Bronwyn Taylor regarding the denial of bus passes for children who live in the Huntley Grange Rd area. Children in this area are deemed to live too close to the school to qualify for a bus pass from Year 3 onwards. Bronwyn and several other parents are appealing the decision on the basis that there is no safe route for the children to walk to school. The matter has been raised with Roza Sage and she will be attending the school on Tuesday 3 June to meet with parents. Bronwyn asked if members of the P&C could attend and support the issue. Allison Todd to attend.

Facebook Page

- Rebecca proposed having a P&C Facebook page to be used for communication for the P&C including advertising P&C events and asking for volunteers.

- The site would be moderated. Requests to join would be approved and would only be open to people associated with the school. Posts would also need to be approved before they appear on the page.
- Jan Frape moved a motion to open a P&C Facebook page and that it be reviewed at the last meeting of the year. Seconded by Tenille Weir. Motion passed.

Fundraising Goal 2014

- The P&C needs a new fundraising goal for 2014. Our goal of \$20,000.00 in 2013 for staged readers was achieved. The goal is also helpful in marketing the trivia night.
- Rob has spoken to the staff and it was decided that they would like to aim to have a set of class iPads for each stage as well as updating the Wi-Fi at the school.
- It was discussed that the P&C would aim to raise enough funds this year to purchase 20 iPads (\$10,000.00)
- Motion to approve new fundraising goal – Jan Frape. Seconded – Rebekah Kaminski. Motion passed.

Meeting Closed: 8.53pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18th June 2014