

## **Ellison Public School P&C Association Minutes**

**Minutes of General meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Ellison Public School Staffroom**

**Meeting open:** 7:33pm

**Meeting Chaired By:** Allison Todd

**Present:** Allison Todd, Brendan Cusack, Matt Johnson, Katrina Gabriel, Michelle Engelhard, Sarah Higginbotham, Rob Francis, and Rebekah Kaminski

**Apologies:** Amy Vasiliev, Tenille Weir, Sam Clarke, Chris Lewczak

### **Business arising from previous minutes:**

- Soccer balls the K-Mart ones were no good. They deflated overnight and we can't use them.
- Checking pricing on better balls
- Would like training balls and match ball
- The netballs and bibs have been purchased
- Jerseys have been ordered
- Can we order a girls set?? There is already a design, possibly reverse the colours. Allison says it won't be ready in for Winmalee Cup. Discuss next time.
- Basket balls have been purchased
- More sports equipment to be discussed with Margie Jackson when she returns from leave.

Minutes accepted from previous meeting

- Motion to pass minutes proposed by Matt Jobson seconded by Katrina Gabriel

**Correspondence:** Facebook messenger message, Rebekah will contact the parent and ask them to attend the next meeting.

### **Treasurer's report**

PayPal \$40.03

Account balance: \$16,167

Uniform account: \$3099

Main expenses Airconditioners and sports equipment

\$1373 from Mother's day stall  
\$2676 from Easter

Motion to accept treasurer's report proposed by Sarah Higginbotham seconded by Michelle Engelhard

**Fundraising:** Mother's day Stall – 717 gifts sold, 390 left already sorted and priced. The stall did very well, making over \$3000 in sales.

**Walkathon:** Note in newsletter, a sub-committee has been formed. Date set 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### **BBQ Recap**

Not enough BBQ space  
Potentially need to cook ahead or get pre orders or a second BBQ  
Community breakfast went well over 100 in attendance  
Thanks to Strong Nation Church

### **Disco**

Allison is doing a note  
The DJ is booked

### **Principal's report**

#### **Community Breakfast**

Over 100 parents attended the P&C Breakfast. I thank the P&C for their outstanding organisation and appreciate the support of the strong Nation Church who supplied workers to assist with the BBQ. It was a great promotion.

#### **School Plan**

Is now on the website. Milestones have been completed.

Activities already covered in the School Plan:

- Additional professional learning to strengthen "Sentence of the Day"
- Professional learning on writing at our School Development Day
- Best Start assessments completed for Kindergarten students
- Personal Learning Plans and Pathways developed for students with specific needs
- Review of behaviour data
- Training for Wellbeing Team – Positive Behaviour for Learning Tier 2
- Winmalee HS Expo

- Community Breakfast
- Easter Hat Parade
- School Disco
- Tell Them From Me Learning Surveys completed
- Recorders / Violin practices
- Training in Visual literacy and Film making
- Mid mountains Learning Community Meeting
- Short Film Festival Committee established
- Parent Information Night
- Parent / Teacher Interviews
- MultiLit / literacy / Numeracy interventions for ATSI students
- Programs for MultiLit and QuickSmart commenced
- Writing and Comprehension programs implemented for students with specific needs
- In class support for students with disability
- Executive Planning day – Assessment and Policies
- Training SLSOs in ESL / Synthetic Phonics
- Individual ESL lessons commenced

### **Film By**

Mr. Francis, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Whitfield, Mrs. Marsh and Ms. Liddell along with representatives from a number of local schools attended a Visual Literacy and Film Making course. Local schools are hoping to start a Short Film Festival for the Blue Mountains. A committee has been formed and it is likely that the venue for the film festival will be Springwood Hub.

### **Sport**

#### **West Sydney Wanderers Cup**

Both the boys and girls teams placed second in their respective competitions. This is a fine achievement. Both teams played their hearts out and conducted themselves very well. I thank super coaches Nathan Douglas and Brendan Cusack for coaching the teams and the many parents and family members who supported on the day.

I was also informed that the teams may be invited into the next round depending on the goals scored and the points accrued. I will keep you informed should we move on to the next round.

#### **Parent / Teacher Interviews**

These interviews were held successfully last term. Please feel free to make contact with your child's teacher at any point during the year if you have concerns.

### **Brewongle Camp / Milson Island Camp**

I thank all the teaching staff who attended and looked after students at these camps. From all accounts, all students had a great time and developed new skills.

### **Disco**

Thank you to the P&C and parent helpers who strongly supported the disco. I know the kids really appreciate having a night like that.

### **Easter Hat Parade**

Thank you again to the P&C for organising the BBQ Cake Stall, Coffee Van and Easter Raffle. Your efforts, as always, are very much appreciated.

### **Mothers' Day Stall**

The P&C organised an outstanding Mothers' Day Stall as usual. The quality of gifts was excellent! I appreciate the efforts of the organisers and parent helpers who worked on the day of the stall.

### **School Development Day**

All staff attended a School Development Day last Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. It was a fantastic day of learning and I'm already aware that many of the staff used some of the ideas to in their classrooms immediately.

### **Professional Learning**

The NSW Department of Education has emphasised the need for further professional learning in reading and are holding professional learning courses in effective reading for all schools.

Additionally, a Learning Progressions document has recently been published, which will help teachers effectively assess whether students are achieving effectively in literacy and numeracy. I will be sending representatives from our school to these professional learning opportunities and they, in turn, will present back to the rest of the staff.

### **ANZAC Assembly**

From all accounts the ceremony was very well organised by Mrs. Becker and with support from Mrs. Wallis with the choir.

### **Fruit Day**

The students of Year 6 and their teachers are to be congratulated for an excellent effort in organising the Fruit day. Funds raised go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN commenced on Tuesday with the Language Conventions Test and Writing Test. The Reading test was held today (Wednesday) and the Numeracy Test will be held tomorrow (Thursday)

Students who are absent on any of these days will be able to take tests on Friday.

### **Coming Up**

#### **Term 2 Early Dates**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Great Big Science Show**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Stage 1 Museum excursion (2S and 2W)**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Stage 1 Museum excursion (1P, 1J and 1W)**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Zone Cross Country – Penrith Lakes**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Winmalee Cup**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June – African Drumming**

#### **Rob's follow ups**

**Signs** – a representative from Sign Pac has visited and supplied quotes.

**Disco** – I have texted Kel and he is able to do our next disco on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**Assets** – Rob has contacted Assets re: playground equipment grants, bottle filling stations. We will need to get quotes. Rob will need to manage and complete paper work.

**WHS** – rang and emailed Workplace Health and Safety Directorate to find out where we stand in regards to defibrillators in schools. Department replied that there is no requirement to have defibrillators in schools given the age of the students. It is a different situation if there is a student at the school with those needs.

**Bus Bay garden** – contacted Blue Mountains Council spoke to Heather regarding the gardens on bus bay. She will pass on the information. I was given a reference number 264390. Received a phone call from Merve who said that that it doesn't come under maintenance but he will give it a bit of a tidy up.

Rob Francis

### **New Business Arising**

- trim the trees along the main pathway to the school next to the parking
- Can the wooden post that has come unsecured be fixed for safety
- Set the dates for future discos 6th September and 29<sup>th</sup> of November

Meeting Closed 8:36 pm