

Ellison Public School P&C Association
Minutes of the General Meeting – 21/10/20
The Ori Hotel, Springwood

Meeting opened: 7:10pm

Meeting Chaired by: Allison Todd

Present: Katrina Gabriel, Allison Todd, Rob Francis, Corrine Bowes, Michelle Engelhard, Matt Jobson, Rebekah Kaminski, Sam Clarke

Apologies: Tenille Weir, Nic Webb, Sarah Jones, Amy Costello, Chris Lewczak, Warren Gardiner,

Acceptance of previous minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the February 2020 (pre covid-19) meeting by Rebekah Kaminski. Seconded by Corinne Bowes. Motion Passed.

President's Welcome: Welcome and thank you everyone for coming.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Accounting Software- Michelle did a free trial of Xero. At this stage as there is nothing much going on due to Covid-19 she didn't think it was feasible to make a purchase of the software at this stage. Michelle is happy using Excel for the time being and will reassess our needs next year

Grant Update - Katrina and Kylie Bishop submitted a Grant Application in April to install astroturf and some educational games in the area between the COLA and Kindy Rooms. The successful applicants will be announced in November. Katrina received a call from Trish Doyle's office in mid term 3 advising that the recommendation would be for a grant of \$15000 as opposed to the applied amount of \$35000, so as to spread the funds over the most amount of applications.

Correspondence: Australian Fundraising COVID Safe Fundraisers, the Bark Bequest Learning Programs, Canteen Brochures, P&C Journal, Father's Day Fundraising, Midford Brochure (passed to Corinne)

Treasurer's Report:

As at 21/10/20

Paypal:	\$849.02
Uniform Shop Ac:	\$3722.02
General Ac:	\$5,886.03

Total in Bank **\$10,457.07**

YTD Expenses:

\$2698.75	Canteen
\$1658.51	Mother's Day Stall

\$366.80	Front Garden
\$165.00	Tax 2019
\$385.02	Welcome BBQ
\$88.00	Morning Tea/ Coffee for Teachers
\$88.00	Stralia Web Domain Name
\$597.00	Andrews (Insurance)
\$18,000.00	Donation to Ellison for Smartboards
\$16,464.49	Uniform Shop

Total Expenses: \$40,762.17

YTD Income:

\$10.70	Interest
\$2933.25	Other
\$14,552.00	Uniforms

Total Income: \$17,745.95

Profit/ Loss : -\$23,016.22

**Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Katrina Gabriel. Seconded by Sam Clarke. All in Favour.
Motion passed.**

Sub Committee Reports:

Fundraising Options - It was agreed not to do any fundraising for the remainder of 2020. Options in 2021 depending on restrictions could include:

- Online Mother' Day Stall
- Easter Raffle

We discussed opening up the canteen for a few weeks leading up to end of year to use up stock we have. Corinne to check stock in canteen and best before dates. Rob will get back to us if it's possible. Parent helpers could wear masks and gloves. We would need to only have a stage come to the line at a time.

Principal's Report:

Follow ups

- Bell - secured a new provider to assist with this. We are awaiting installation of a new amplifier as well. Amplifier has now been installed.

School Leaders

Proposal from staff to change the student leadership selection process. Firstly, the words 'Captain' and 'Vice Captain' will no longer be used. All six students will be called 'Student Leaders'. Also, the six students who gain the most votes will attain the positions. This means we move away from 3 boy leaders and 3 girl leaders.

External Validation

Ellison Public School undertook External Validation in Term 1 Week 8 2020. The school gathered evidence to validate the school against the School Excellence Framework. This framework contains 14 elements of School Excellence and correctly validated ourselves against 12 of the 14 elements.

Film By the Eucalypts

This year, ten schools will participate in Films By The Eucalypts as opposed to 9 last year. Ellison PS will be one of them. This will now be an online film festival. Films have been submitted by the school and we are awaiting the outcome as to which ones have been accepted.

Staff Professional Learning

In Term 2, 2020, the focus will shift to numeracy and we are currently investigating our options for professional learning. All teaching staff are in the process of completing an online course of 10 hours duration, which will support the teaching of numeracy in 2021.

Chaplaincy in Schools Program

An opportunity has arisen for us to secure a School Chaplain. Funding is being provided for one day per week by Strong Nation Church. This person, Kelsie Gray, is trained in pastoral care and Early Childhood education. She will provide support to the school in the form of pastoral care programs around anxiety, resilience, which complement existing school programs. I have firm assurances that there will be no religious instruction or overtones. Kelsie Gray is due to go on maternity leave and will be replaced by Sarah ????. Kelsie has been a great asset in supporting a targeted group of our students with anxiety through the development of social skills programs.

Term 4 Calendar

COVID-19 has decimated the opportunities for students this year and I feel desperately sorry for all the activities that students have missed. However we have managed some incursions, a few excursions and now Gymnastics in recent times. Much of our planning for this term is still up in the air and may still change but hopefully some restrictions will be lifted as the year progresses.

Presentation Day

At this stage, presentations for Presentation Day will occur in classrooms. Restrictions may change however and I will keep you informed.

School Purchases

- All classes and rooms that require air conditioning now have air conditioning

- All classes that required new Mac Minis now have them
- Our new yarning circle garden is almost completed and will be used for outdoor learning by classes under the supervision of their teachers.

Thank you

I would like to thank the P&C and all parents for their cooperation and understanding during this unprecedented time. You have been incredibly supportive and your adherence to guidelines has been very much appreciated.

Thank you all!

Rob Francis

Principal

General Business:

Uniform Shop

We are holding lots of stock with the preparation of Kindy starter packs and since Principal Schoolwear has closed down. There was discussion around having a stand in the carpark during Kindy Orientation to allow parents to try on sizes. There would need to be a Covid plan. Rob to check rules. Most items now have size guides attached on the website to make it easier for parents when they can't try sizes.

There was a price increase on uniforms supposed to happen in March 2020 however we delayed it due to Covid- we discussed when might be the right time to do this. Perhaps March 2021.

Clothing Pool

There have been lots of parents wondering when the Clothing Pool might reopen or how they can access second hand uniforms. Can we do something in the carpark so it's not in school grounds? We would need to come into the school to access boxes. Allison will check with Nat/ Linda when they might be available.

Meeting Closed: 8:26pm NEXT MEETING: 18th November 2020