

**Ellison Public School – September minutes**  
**(As per Brendan Cusack)**

Meeting open at 7:34

Chaired by Alison Todd

Acceptance of previous minutes proposed by RK seconded by SC

Attendance: Rebekah Kaminski, Sarah Higginbotham, Rob Francis, Brendan Cusack, Allison Todd, Sam Clarke

Apologies: Chris Lewczak, Tenille Weir, Dee Scibberas

Correspondence in

Follow up on glasses survey only a couple of responses, mainly saying they would be good but without Ellison Public school on the side. No decision made.

Cleanliness of hall / toilets. Hall usually deep cleaned in holidays, including buffing of floor and high places. Glen unblocked the drain in the toilet outside the hall.

Could not find red carpet, Rob asking teaching staff if it has been seen.

Touched on sport equipment. Still waiting on audit of equipment.

Treasurers report.

See report for figures. Proposed approval of report by RK seconded by SH.

Brendan needs to change athletics carnival to open day cake stall in the final copy of the report, noted on copy.

Brendan to look at ABN letter to ensure details are up to date.

Other Business related to money

Alison talked about website. Decision on final product to be determined by Alison and Chris.

Price change on Principal School Wear uniform order after we placed an order. As a good will gesture we met half way on increase.

We have enough glow sticks for another disco

We need to seek helpers for canteen next term. Alison going to post to Facebook? / message, and talk about it at kindy orientation.

Principals report

**P&C Principal's Report 20.9.17**

**Kindergarten 2018**

If you know of anyone with children who are commencing Kindergarten in 2018 can you please encourage them to collect an information pack from the office and complete enrolment forms.

**Calmsley Hill City Farm**

All students thoroughly enjoyed the excursion. I thank Mrs Johnson, Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Whitfield for their organisation and the SLSOs for supporting the day.

### **Chicken Hatching**

Kindergarten took advantage of the chicken hatching program and it was wonderful to see all the children get involved and get some experiential learning.

### **Premier's Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Zoe Nicolle and Lachlan Clarke who proudly represented our school at the Premier's Spelling Bee. They were excellent role models for our school.

### **Zone Athletics Carnival**

Our school had good representation:

Jaxon Fraser, Alice Galluzzi, Bella Sandford, Grace Galluzzi, Rory Cole, Isabella Denahy, Lili Baran and Jackson Anderson (who was unable to attend due to prior commitments).

Results:-

Bella Sandford 18th 200m, 22nd Long Jump

Alice Galluzzi 8th 100m final, 8th 200m final, 15th Long Jump

Isabella Denahy 23rd 100m

Jaxon Fraser 5th 100m final, 10th 200m 11th Long Jump

Rory Cole 17th high Jump

Snr Girls Relay - Alice Galluzzi, Grace Galluzzi, Bella Sandford, Lili Baran – 7th final

### **Blue Mountains Dance Festival**

Our dance groups performed admirably at the festival. We are all very proud of them!

### **Online Parliament**

Ms Liddell and the Year 5/6 Teachers have engaged students through a connected classroom interactive program teaching students about parliament. I was fortunate enough to sit in on a lesson and it was excellent!

### **Year 5/6 History Incursion**

Students were engaged by the performance about bushrangers. It was a worthwhile experience.

### **NAPLAN Online**

Ms Liddell did an outstanding job organising students to participate in NAPLAN Online. The platform worked successfully at our school.

### **Disco dates:**

Thank you to the P&C and supporting parents as we had a very successful School Disco last Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

The next disco is the Christmas disco, which is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. I have booked the DJ already.

### **Father's Day Stall**

I really appreciate the effort of P&C members and parent volunteers who organised and supported a fantastic Father's Day Stall. Thank you all!

### **Tell Them From Me Surveys**

We have had 97 responses to the survey from parents. I have set a target of 110 responses. Could P&C please encourage just a little more support through the Facebook page?

### **Kindergarten 2018 Parent Information Night**

This will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm at school. Could one or both of our Vice Presidents attend to address the new Kindergarten Parents?

### **Interrelate**

Interrelate program has been booked for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Session 1 – 6.00pm “Where Did I Come From?”

Session 2 – 7.15pm “Preparing for Puberty”

Cost:

\$30 per family for one session

\$35 per family if attending both sessions

Visit from Susan Templeman MP

Year 5/6 will have the opportunity to talk with Susan Templeman MP about the workings of parliament.

### **Phonics Training**

All staff (including SLSOs) will be involved in Phonics training on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. There will be a staff meeting at 8.00am followed by demonstration lessons in a range of classrooms. There will then be a question time, where staff can ask our presenter, Joanne Dooner, questions about the process.

We hope to implement this learning into our programs in 2018.

### **School Plan – Parent Consultation Meetings**

All public schools are due to develop a new school plan for 2018-2020. As such, I will be holding Parent Consultation Meetings early in Term 4. It is extremely important that we get your views on a range of matters. This is your opportunity to be involved and give your opinion. Please look out for the dates!

Rob Francis  
Principal

Possibly losing a class in the new year with a small kindy coming in (only 31 at this point) and year 6 leaving. Rob asked for everyone to get the word out that anyone looking to enrol do so ASAP.

NAPLAN Online trials were successful at Ellison, some other schools had some issues. Test was for the system, not for results.

DJ booked for 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Rob to chase up invoice from previous disco

Happy with Father’s Day stall, everyone worked together for a successful night.

Allison and Tenille attending kindergarten parent information night.

Synthetic Phonics training for teachers and SLSOs on Friday to help improve student's literacy development.

Three Year plan. Rob would like to see additional parent consultation above and beyond the P&C.

### New business

Flowers for Deb Marsh for the passing of her mother. Motion to approve up to \$60 by RK seconded by SH

Motion to approve purchase of a new rug for story time up to \$150 by SH seconded by SC. Rob will tell Jaz.

Alison commended Jenny Anderson on the running of the clothing pool, stating that it is always clean and well organised. Suggested flowers at the end of the year to say thank you. No motion at this point.

We need to advertise for someone for a morning and an afternoon shift to run the clothing pool next year. Alison will put something on Facebook and mention it at the kinder orientation.

Alison suggested spending some money on other items, for example, the entrance of the school, gardens, and games instead of playground equipment as the cost seems to be higher than our ability to raise funds presently. Hopefully next year can see more helpers join.

Rob has been unable to find any information on the signs that were meant to be ordered. Rob will follow up on the signs.

Staff has suggested to Rob that they would like to create some Aboriginal gardens around the school. Brendan suggested someone who may be interested in doing some tree carvings with the kids. Rob going to try get contact info from the Director of schools Kaye.

It was suggested that we could finance the upgrade of signage around the schools

Suggesting games for structured, for example, easy to play board games, and possibly games like hopscotch painted on concrete.

Sarah suggested new basketball goals with netball goals on the back that can be turned around. Brendan thought ones that move would be good so we could use futsal goals too.

Closed meeting at 8:52