

Ellison Public School P&C Association
Minutes of the General Meeting – 19/09/2018
Ellison Public School Staffroom

Meeting opened: 7:35pm

Meeting chaired by: Allison Todd

Present: Tenille Weir, Michelle Engelhard, Katrina Gabriel, Allison Todd, Sam Clarke, Rob Francis, Brendan Cusack, Matt Jobson

Apologies: Chris Lewczak, Alicia Windeisen

Business arising from previous minutes:

Uniform policy – Further discussion about equality with boy/girl wearing same uniform, in particular pants. Deferred decision to 2019.

Acceptance of previous minutes: Motion proposed by Michelle Engelhard, seconded by Sam Clarke. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Uniform shop

Treasurer's Report

PayPal = \$282.01

Uniform shop account = \$1,392.57

General Account = \$32,317.71

Total = **\$33,992.29**

Profits this month have come from Colour Run, sponsorships (Conveyancing Smart, Loudon Plumbing PTY LTD, Self Storage Plus), Father's Day Stall and School Disco.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Matt Jobson, seconded by Rob Francis. Motion passed.

Sub-committee Report

Colour Run –Lots of positivity received from students' staff and parents regarding our event. Rotary club passed on feedback to Allison about the

running of the BBQ. A morning tea will be organised for the class that raised the most money.

Disco – Will need to purchase new glow sticks for the Christmas disco. To approve money Term 4.

Principal's Report

P&C Report 19.9.18

Film by the Eucalypts

I thank the P&C for their donation of \$1000 for the Film by the Eucalypts fundraising campaign. It is very much appreciated and will go a long way to getting this initiative off the ground.

Signage

I also thank the P&C for generously financing the cost of the signs for the school. They look so much better!

Spirals of Inquiry

We had our second Spiral of Inquiry on the 4th September. Again, this was based on writing. Our final Spiral of Inquiry will occur in Term 4 when we wrap up the writing component.

Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Zoe Mein, Clarissa Rintoul, Otto Timmins and Oli D on representing the school at the Regional Athletics Carnival. This was held today.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Four of our students represented Ellison Public School at the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Hannah Plane made the 4th round, while Diya Merchant made the 7th round in the Junior Final, highly creditable achievements.

We fared even better in the Senior Final with Josh Winsor winning the event and Jasper Musgrave placing 3rd in the event. Congratulations!

Operation Art

Congratulations to Ava Windeisen

Ava submitted an entry to this competition and attended the Operation Art Exhibition at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park, last weekend. Ava's artwork (Louise) was selected by Artbank as one of the prize winners, an outstanding achievement! Only 60 artworks were selected from over 800 artworks!

Congratulations on an outstanding success, Ava!

Girls Soccer Gala Day

Our Senior Girls drew all their games and our Junior Girls won two games, 2-nil and 1-nil and drew the other games. Very well done, girls!

Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival

I was very proud of our dance groups who performed at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival in Week 7. They performed at a high standard and were extremely well-behaved.

Other events

All of our students thoroughly enjoyed Musica Viva, Stage One excursion to long Neck Lagoon and Life Education.

West Sydney Wanderers Cup

Both boys and girls teams have qualified for the WSW Cup Finals Gala Day to be held at Blacktown Football Park on Tuesday 20th November. More information to come.

Open Day / Book Parade / Book Fair

I thank the entire community for its support of our Open Day last Thursday 13th September. The students gave outstanding performances at the concert. I thank all of our talented teachers who were involved in supporting these students. I must give special mention to Mrs Parry and Mrs Wallis for their outstanding organisation of the concert. I also thank Mrs Field and Ms Liddell for organising the Book Fair, which was extremely busy all day! My thanks also go to the P&C and the many volunteers who baked cakes and manned the canteen during the day. An outstanding team effort! During the day we were promoting 'Fiver for a Farmer' campaign. I am pleased to report that we raised \$515.00 - an outstanding result. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Community Open Day Music Performance

Yesterday, 18th September we held a special Community Open Day Performance in recognition of 'The Day of the Older Person'. We invited the residents of several 'Aged Care' facilities in our local area. Our talented students from our dance, senior and junior choirs, recorders, violins, drums, beginner band and ukulele groups gave excellent performances. Well done! I really appreciate the efforts of all of our students and teachers involved in the performances. I add special thanks to Mrs Wallis and Mrs Parry for their outstanding organisation.

NAPLAN results

Only individual student reports have been delivered. We are still waiting on the data. It appears that Years 3 and 5 are, in general, slightly above the national average in most areas of Literacy and Numeracy. I will give you a more comprehensive presentation next month.

Coming Up

Term 3

Friday 21st Sept - Raw Art Stage 1
Wednesday 26th Sept - Yr 6 Footy Fever Fundraiser
Thursday 27th Sept - K/1P Assembly
Friday 28th Sept - 4/5J Assembly
Friday 28th Sept - Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 15th October Staff & students return
Monday 15th October – Swimming Scheme commences
Wednesday 17th October – P&C Meeting
Monday 22nd October – School Development Day (keep your children home) – no swimming scheme
Thursday 25th October – Interrelate program (puberty, sex education etc)
Wednesday 31st October – Parent Information Evening for Kindergarten Orientation 6.00pm

TO DO LIST

Can I confirm the Christmas Disco for Thursday 29th November so that I can book Kel the DJ?
Rob Francis

New Business:

Working Bee – There has been contact with Winmalee HS Yr9 Year Advisor, regarding some student being able to help with the memorial garden. Baptist care will be donating plants for this project. Also discuss about an Aboriginal designer, possibly collaboration with students to tie all the gardening projects together.

Front Garden – Further discussion about garden at Ellison Rd/Comet Pl corner. P&C to investigate types of plants/soil best for the area. Will talk to Oasis.

School cleanliness – Further discussion about schools general cleanliness and main areas of concern.

Meeting closed: 8:45pm

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER