



2020 P&C MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday 15 February 2021

Venue: Library, Avalon Public School

ATTENDEES:

Andy Rankin (Principal), Stephanie Stoddard (President), Amber Almeling (Vice-President), Vita von Neumann-Cosel (Treasurer), Sandra Skelly, Mel West, Mel Dalton, Giles Stoddard, Flavia Julius, Helena Brooks, Jessica Angel, Charde Negus, Charlotte Davies, David Bartolo, Jose Rincon Morera, Paul O'Hanlon, Zunilka Whitnall, Anna Trybocka, Joanne Kind, Amy Young, Raelee Hill, Rebecca Dunlop, Amy Kenny, Elizabeth Neuse Flint, Mel Wellings, Annabel Davis, Alex McTaggart

APOLOGIES: Fiona Tobin (Secretary), Lisa Weber, Bianca Howarth, Emma Wake, Meg Hayne, Beck Hammond, Verity Austin, Dan Harris

Meeting start 7.10 pm

- Welcome and introductions of current P&C team which has 3 new members. Moving forward we are planning to conduct every second meeting as a zoom meeting to reach a broader audience.
- Previous meeting minutes proposed and seconded
- Only outstanding action related to the DA on corner of Bellevue Ave and Sanders Lane opposite the school and our objections in regard to the impact on students travelling to and from school. Council stated they were currently assessing submissions; we will get feedback by 17th March.
- Avalon Beach Place plan presented by Alex McTaggart
 - Focus on areas that impact the school including kids travelling to school.
 - To alleviate pressure on the main intersection, it is planned to narrow the road closure opposite Bakers Delight to one way
 - Proposed shared bike path along old Barrenjoey Road from Avalon Parade with reduced car parking. Speed limit remains 50 km/h as it is a shared bike path, which might put children at risk.
 - Alternative suggestion of directing bikes through the smaller laneways of Edmund Hock Avenue and Wickham Lane with speed limit of 10 km/h.
 - Plan is online for comments until May 16th and Avalon residents impacted by this proposal have the opportunity to submit feedback.
 - Avalon P&C will consolidate feedback from school parents and make a submission related to travel to/from school
 - AR has suggested making this a real-world problem-solving project for year 6.
- President's Report – Stephanie Stoddard
 - P&C exec met in week 1 to conduct handover to new committee members and start planning for 2021.
 - Uniform store opened 1 week before school started and is doing very well.

- Canteen: Gabby Robbins will help design new Canteen signage.
 - Garden club submitted progress report on “awesome outdoor classroom” grant. Work on it has started.
 - Band and strings group up and running with rehearsals.
 - OOSH now at capacity on 3 afternoons already. Plan to get new OOSH building built this year to expand.
 - Dance: try outs have happened, once dance groups are formed P&C needs a parent convener.
 - Some old funds (around 8K) were discovered in a Paypal account and will be added to P&C budget.
 - No major fundraising event was held last year so it is a priority for this year which we will need volunteers for.
 - Moving forward, P&C updates will be included in the school newsletter.
- Principal’s Report – Andy Rankin
 - AR thanked the P&C for their ongoing support, as well as the P&C streams OOSH, Canteen, uniform store, band and garden club.
 - Kindergarten enrolment was slower than anticipated for 2021. Final number was 116 students which meant only 35 out of the current 36 teachers were needed. Additional teacher was funded with school funds and as a result only 1 composite class had to be formed this year.
 - COVID impact: restrictions ongoing as stipulated by state government. 2 complaints received about staggered pick up times, however it is not possible from a health and safety perspective to safely go back to a 3.25 pick up time for all students until parents are allowed back in school grounds.
 - Meet the teacher night planned this term in March. Parents will be staggered, bookings are done online, only one parent per family with about 16 parents per session.
 - School projects: new COLA (covered outdoor learning area) for Primary playground needed, however grant application was not successful in first round, there will be a second round.
 - Library needs to be upgraded (about 57k over 3 years).
 - Aircon in classrooms was approved and work will hopefully begin this term which will be partly powered by solar.
 - According to parent survey, top 2 priorities was literacy and numeracy and real-world problem solving, therefore significant investment in teacher education has been made. 9Ds area: presentation to whole staff to have more of a community focus, ie issues on school grounds.
 - Bike tracks to be put in at park across the road and students to have input into that design, school is also looking at how to best utilise them for students once completed.
 - Update on language teacher: preferred candidate fell through end of 2019. Might be looked at again but foreign language education didn’t rank as highly in last survey.
 - Band update – Amy Young (co-Band President)
 - 2020 was challenging as no performances or band camp possible, however recordings were made which was quite unique to Avalon school.
 - 137 children in band this year, now a 4-band program with reduced ratio of teacher to children to support children better.

- Strings program going well, 15 children enrolled from K-6, plans to appoint a strings captain and would like to perform at assemblies if they happen again.
- Plans to do a lunchtime concert at Bookoccino, AR in agreement.
- Treasurer's report – Vita von Neumann-Cosel
 - accounts healthy, takings about 170K in 2020, no fundraiser last year.
 - About same amount forecasted this year but major fundraiser needed.
 - Planned spending for this year was discussed, projects include technology and library upgrades, special projects fund, awesome outdoor classroom fund, support for special support teachers.
- Canteen Update – Mel Dalton & Mel West
 - Number of children without lunch is currently quite high which is distressing for the children, already 27 in the first 2 weeks.
 - Only about 50% pay IOU even though emails are now sent through school as reminders. If there are welfare issues P&C will cover costs.
 - Communication will go out to all parents directly from school.
- Ethics – David Bartolo (Ethics Co-ordinator)
 - Ethics: curriculum provided by primary ethics, volunteers (parents or members of the community) facilitate classes.
 - Student of all denominations welcome. Focus on productive discussions, problem solving and decision making.
 - 11 classes in 2020, more volunteers always needed.
 - See attached Powerpoint presentation for more detail
- Uniform store – Mel Dalton
 - Demonstration of new uniform order site to replace Flexischools as online sales have gone up 68%
 - New website links in with Square point of sales system used in uniform store, which Flexischools doesn't.
 - This website takes no fees for ordering and less fees for the uniform store. Suggestion was to link it to Skoolbag app.
- Fundraising:
 - Plans are to do an event similar to "Avalon on the Green" event (music festival) taking into consideration learnings from previous event.
 - Mother's day and Father's day stall to run again moving to more sustainable offerings, volunteers needed to run these.
 - Some further ideas for fundraising are parent social, Father's day event, kids disco, Clareville on the sand, family day at bowlo, Santa photos on the beach.
- See attached document for more detailed Sub-Committee & Services Reports

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Next meeting date Term 1, Week 8 15th March 2021.