



2021 P&C GENERAL MEETING TERM 1 WEEK 8

Date: Monday, 15 March 2021

Venue: Library, Avalon Public School

ATTENDEES

Andy Rankin (Principal), Stephanie Stoddard (President), Amber Almenning (Vice-President), Vita von Neumann-Cosel (Treasurer), Fiona Tobin (Secretary), Bianca Howarth (Deputy Principal), Lisa Weber (Deputy Principal), Mel Dalton, Raelee Hill, Verity Austin, Dan Harris, Paul O'Hanlon, Belinda Georgeson, Amy Kenny, Joanne Kind, Beck Hammond, Mel & Dave Moss, Flavia Julius, Elizabeth Flint, Amy Young, Mel Wellings

Meeting start 7.06 pm

- Previous meeting minutes proposed and seconded
- Outstanding actions:
 - Feedback on Avalon Beach Place proposal, feedback being collected via the community
 - Meeting regarding DA at 27 Bellevue Avenue held on 17 March, AA will attend and report back
- President's Report – Stephanie Stoddard
 - Busy start to the year for all businesses and services
 - New uniform website launched with no issues
 - Kylie Elliott appointed as new dance convenor
 - P&C secretary: Fiona Tobin resigned from position, currently recruiting for the role
- Principal's Report – Andy Rankin
 - School has opened up again for parents to come into the school. Some rules still apply regarding person/m² which is applicable to assemblies etc. Open day planned for term 3
 - Security: multiple break-ins over weekends with some items and money being stolen, 2 security guards employed last weekend with great success and currently looking at funding for security cameras. Map of where the cameras will be installed is currently drawn up, restricted by costs, SS asked for P&C business such as OOSH to be included.
 - Airconditioning and solar upgrades: tender process to start next week, interest from parents to do some fundraising to support solar
 - Avalon place development project: school had meeting with council, kids are encouraged to get involved, deadline for school submission extended to end of June
 - Biking to school: complaints about dangerous bike and skateboard riding to and from school from community, one accident reported with elderly

pedestrian. Unspoken rule is that kids below year 4 should ride with an adult. This will be addressed and formalized by the school in due course

- School interviews, booking open now until next week
 - As NAPLAN was missed last year, shortened assessment is offered with results coming back within 48 hours. There has been very positive feedback from other schools, and the assessment will be done for kids in year 4 and 6 in May. Regular NAPLAN for year 3 and 5 also going ahead
 - “The Big Crunch” event: All kids in NSW having crunch and sip at the same time – 10 am on Thursday with various associated activities
 - New wooden benches purchased for grass area outside the hall for bus lines that can also be used for outdoor classroom
 - P&C budget item “special fund to enhance learning experience” 30K in total. Teachers would like some special curved tables for classrooms to enable better collaboration (\$15K). P&C unanimously in favour, tables will be purchased ASAP
 - School funding: AR explained school budget for the year, especially what funds are available. Budget is very lean and money has to be spent in year it was allocated and can’t be accumulated. Especially short on professional learning and technology which is why fundraising is so important. P&C contributes about 100K/year. Reminder that whilst budget items in P&C are allocated that it is a working document and is flexible. It is also important to keep the balance between what P&C should fund and what should be funded by the department of education.
- Treasurer’s report – Vita von Neumann-Cosel
 - All businesses going well, currently looking into profitability of some of the businesses
 - Band update
 - Band camp going ahead this year which is very exciting for the children
 - Canteen Update – Mel Dalton
 - Canteen very busy, volunteers desperately needed especially on Mondays and Fridays. Sign up is easy through the volunteers website. Suggestion was to utilize class parents for a volunteer recruitment drive.
 - Garden club update
 - Sydney edible garden trail on this week. Looking at getting our school garden up to a standard where it can participate
 - Working bee date 5 June
 - “Awesome outdoor classroom” going very well
 - OOSH:
 - Launched new website and vacation care program now available, open to all kids not only Avalon school children

- Fundraising – Mel Moss
 - Two events currently planned. First is “Art on the Green”: artist led art sessions for children and parents the week before mother’s day (2nd May 9 am to 1 pm, 4 session 35/session, run by Pinot and Picasso). Since places are so limited we may need another activity in parallel to accommodate more children. Website is currently being built. Year 3 will run a cookie and cake stall and coffee machines will be provided - this is open to all.
 - Second is “Avalon on the green” (music festival) happening again this year, date will hopefully be released later this week
 - Event ran in 2019 so lots of learnings can be applied and council approval should be easier
 - Event team up and running. Only position still to be filled is volunteer coordinator (working with class parents to rally volunteers). Please contact Mel Moss if you are interested.
 - Profit last year 30K, money raised through ticket sales, bar, food trucks, silent auction, and profit target for this year to be determined
 - Mother’s day stall: will be sustainable and locally sourced this year, we have a lot of beautiful gifts. Stalls will be run on 5th and 6th May, would be great to get fathers involved in running stalls and we need volunteers to help wrapping gifts
 - Parent’s social date to be locked in, preferably in term 3

Meeting closed 8.45

Next meeting date Term 2, Week 4