



P&C MEETING MINUTES

Date: 13th February 2023

Venue: Avalon Public School Library

Attendees: Amy Kenny (P), Hendrik Van Senden (VP), Morgan Webster (VP) Andrew (Kennedy T), Ruth Frost (S), Jess Boomer, Andy Rankin, Lisa Weber (DP), Ashlea Simonetti (DP & instructional leader), Alice Lovett (AP & instructional leader), Joanne Kind, Emma Smith, Belinda Georgeson, Melissa Cockle, Amy Young, Melissa Dalton, Sue Winstanley, Fiona Tobin, Grace Quiney, Holly Barton, Linn Richardson, Amelia Phillips, Stacey Yassini, Allison Mc Grath, Ali Laurich, Sami Lhuede Karen McGill, Sarah Le-Hanie, Nat O'Carroll, Jessica Boomer, Flavia Julius, Amy Cameron, Gabrielle Perry, David Addley, Kirsty Brown, Stephanie Mangleson, Donna Johnston, Amiee Edwards, Belinda Skelton, Lucy Satinoff, Evan Stilwell, Sarah Rose, Danielle Rainey, Paula Castorina

Apologies: Emma Wake

Meeting start 7:10 pm

President report:

- Acknowledgement of Country. Welcome and introduction of committee members.
- Motion to receive minutes from previous meeting; Morgan, seconded; Andrew.
- Mission statement: a community of parents and carers invested in supporting students' education through social and fundraising activities.
- Previous P&C achievements: library refurbishment, Instruction leader position, learning support, technology, literacy program, breakout seating in classrooms, gardening club projects, student welfare support.
- 2023 goals: new oven for canteen, Instructional leader position, learning support, technology, Nura Djaroba renovation, 2nd OOSH building, garden club projects, student welfare project.
- How: P&C contributions, election day BBQ, mothers/fathers day stall, colour run, parent social/fundraiser, case for a cause (Trust Tree & Tamburlaine Wines), Christmas stall.
- The Hive; support class parents, social group who will contribute to the organisation of social/fundraising events this year.

Principal's Report:

- Thank you to the committee and attendees for coming this evening. Introduction of executive team Lisa Weber (DP), Ashlea Simonetti (DP & instructional leader), Alice Lovett
- Acknowledgement of Country.
- Classes of 2023; teacher shortage has resulted in many job share positions this year.
- 14 parameters for school improvement: shared responsibility and accountability.
- Mission: guided by school plan available on the school website, school excellence framework as a benchmark and how the school is measured. Evidenced based practice and building a culture of teacher learning. Focus on reading 2022, math 2023.
- Instructional leaders (Ashlea & Alice); Assistant principal of curriculum and learning - Ashlea. Deputy Principals doing instructional leader role on Wednesdays. Instructing teachers and leaders on how to teach the new syllabus; supporting new teachers; introducing new pedagogies for continuing teachers; providing teacher support and improving teaching practice. Teams come off class 2-3 times per term to look at the data and change practice accordingly. Focus on implementation of new syllabus.
- 9D's problem solving, linked to science and technology. Hoping this year to link for more KLAs.
- High potential and gifted education policy focus; give students opportunity to expand. Modern learning.
- Happiness through Helping theme for expo day 2023. Focus groups and feedback and ideas from students, parents and staff.
- Gardening club - building this into the curriculum.
- Wellbeing - wholeschool mindfulness program continuing to run 2023. IER package to be implemented.

Subcommittee Reports

Garden Club: (Fiona & Sue)

- Run as volunteers for 5 years, 2023 P&C is supporting them for 3 days a week (Tues - Thurs) working at school with children. Working with canteen, community and staff to embed within the curriculum. There will be a call out for volunteers in the coming newsletters. Idea to have student access to the garden during lunch and recess breaks.

OOSH: (Karen & Sarah)

- Availability in the mornings and friday afternoons, however, most other days are booked out. Parents need to email with the availability they require. Fall under the direction of the DET (learning through play). Currently can only taking 85 children (building really capable for 55 students). Making use of the hall and Eloura; this is an issue if there is a spot check. Pre-covid there was an

initiative for a second building; this is the primary focus for 2023. Hendrick is on task to work through the red tape of getting this building happening.

Band: (Amy)

- 7 members of the volunteers, all administered by volunteer parents. Band Camp - May, ANZAC day performances, NB Instructment festival, NSSWE (Chatswood). Longest running band program in all NSW state schools. 50th year anniversary this year.

Strings: (Paula)

- Strings program run by Emma Wake; can take kids from kindy. Performing at the Sydney Opera House in July. Violin 3s. BYO instruments, unfortunately can not be hired through school. Opportunities to purchase second hand strings. Mona Vale music offers a buy back option.

Canteen: (Mel)

- Rely very heavily on volunteers with a large drop experienced at the end of next year. Working alongside the gardening club to develop the menu with school grown seasonal ingredients. Focus is to get a commercial oven for the canteen. Need to recruit staff; issue with staff going on holidays. If people are prepared to volunteer please email the canteen directly. 12:30 is the crucial time and Fridays are always incredibly busy. Whatsapp group for canteen volunteers is successful, consider adding to the Whatsapp class parent group.

Uniform store: (Mel)

- Term 1 week 8; second hand stall. \$5 & \$10 items in the infant playground to be sold. Repeat term 3 week 8. Want to clear the second hand items in the uniform shop. Drive for donations in week 6.

Meeting closed 8:35pm

Next meeting date: Term 2 week 4 Monday 15th May 2023.