

P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 16 June 2020

Venue: Online Meeting Via Zoom (due to social distancing measures for Coronavirus)

Attendance: Mel Saunders (Mel S), Matt Soltau (MS), Stacey Exner (SE), Laura Williamson (LW), Nick Davies, James Brisebois (JB), Jude Nicoll (JN), Rob Feltscheer (RF), Katrina Ginsburg (KG), Karen Whiley (KW), Karena Comber (KC), Deborah Howard (DH)

Principal: Justin Hong

Apologies: Fiona Aldred, Jenni Davies, Aaron & Ada Holborow

Welcome

The meeting was officially opened by the P&C President (Mel Saunders) via zoom at 6.30pm on Tuesday June 16th 2020. Attendees and apologies given.

Stacey Exner welcome (Principal Northern Beaches College).

Principal's Report:

Mr Hong thanked the P & C and all the parents on behalf of himself and the staff for their assistance and messages of support during the current crisis.

School is operating as close to normal as possible. However, limitations on excursions, parents' evenings, etc. As we move into Term 3 things should be even more normal. Returning children initially confused but are now settling back into the routines and everyone is happy.

Year 10 and 8 parents - critical years for subject selection. Not occurring as usual due to current conditions. Instead of that there are videos being made to illustrate subjects and these will be put on the website for parents to examine to get an idea of what the subject involves.

Usually there would be a learning conversation, this will now happen remotely rather than in school. As much info as possible going on the website asap. Year 1-0 before the holiday, Year 8 early next term.

School uniform: the return emphasized how bad the situation has been due to uniform unavailability. However, we need to get students back into proper uniform as soon as possible. It is good to have a uniform for the sake of the school, and we will be cracking down on that soon.

Parent teacher nights cannot run as normal but important to communicate either online or by phone to keep updated on progress. Reports will come out soon by year group. Similar to a normal format but with a little extra information. Hopefully the end of year reports will be the same as ever.

Thanks again to all, school is more or less back to normal. However, stay off school grounds unless for a specific reason.

One final request: We're planning an online school tour shortly and it's a good opportunity to revisit the website to see if it can be improved. If there are any parents with website design experience, please get in touch through Mel so we can get the best website possible and update things within.

JB: What if you don't get the student numbers for a given course?

JH: It's different every year. There will always be one or two students who don't get their chosen subject at Cromer, but that is the same as every year. Please get involved at every stage, talk to teachers, older students, etc. After week 1 next term there will be conversations with students to see if there are cross-campus options or other solutions. There will also be a video put together to address any other issues as well.

INTRODUCE STACEY EXNER

Thank you for inviting me to the meeting. I wanted to outline some details of the college:

Video Presentation:

Largest curriculum in NSW

Introduced the Great Australian Cross-Country Challenge (Video presentation). All campuses are registered.

Lots of communication between the P&C Presidents of all campuses and will continue forward.

Mel thanks Stacey for attending the meeting.

JB: regarding fundraising, is there a possibility of a joint fundraising venture?

Stacey: this has been raised so it's up to the individual P&Cs to come up with a plan then it can be presented across the board.

Treasurer's Report (Matt Soltau):

EXPENDITURE: \$38k bubblers, \$5.5k mural and scaffolding

REMAINING: \$48,900k left in the bank.

President's Report (Mel Saunders):

Following up from Matt, we're looking at grants as fundraising is more difficult right now.

Aqua Bubblers being installed shortly.

Canteen: after closing it for Coronavirus, it is now running as normal, and sales have been back to pre Corona levels. Limited negative impact on profit margin as a result. Last year generated \$40k and looks like it will be much the same this year despite Corona.

International Gardens update – haven't been able to do working bee, but we really want to make a great space for our Special Needs Students. 4 quotes have come in from Podology for work to be done. Katrina G is joining as her child has special needs and can advise from personal experience.

KG: Needs a revamp, needs more stimulation for the students. Kids are very active, so things to do might be good rather than just a seating area - eg. basketball hoop, hopscotch, etc. In the short term a cleanup and then in the medium term adding other things.

Mel S: Maybe a checkerboards attached to tabletops for the students to play on. Also a shade sail to protect over the ping pong table. More colour!

KG: A great showpiece opportunity if we can get the community together to help out.

Mel S: I'll break down all the ideas and share around to see what we want to do and in what order.

JH: There are extra students next year as well so the more we can do the better. A big concern is that we can't do a working bee yet with restrictions.

Mel S: We can plan ahead and pick Podology's brains to see what can be done. If the price is reasonable, let's do it! I'll ask and report back. Also other quotes coming in from groups with specialist knowledge, and a couple of companies located near the school.

JH: Don't want it to look like the rest of the school, but really want it to be a showpiece area, so it might be worth spending a bit more to that end.

Front of school upgrade update - nothing more to report as still awaiting quotes. We have some ideas and are discussing with organisations. Expected cost: \$10,000.

Other Business

Becoming an incorporated P&C: wanted to become incorporated to enable us to apply for certain grants. It's legally binding and therefore any work that is done has to be contracted properly. Essentially it holds us accountable, which is no bad thing.

Mel S: if you are incorporated you have to follow the Department's rules

There must be 2 co-signatories for any documents

There must be an Audited Report annually.

Mel S: Will ask the P&C Federation if they have any regulations we could put into our by-laws.

Mel S: Might be a good time to sort out our banking at the same time.

3 Accounts: Building Fund (Bendigo), Canteen (Commonwealth) and P&C (Credit Union)

Looking into Bendigo Bank as a consolidation of all three into one bank.

On a show of hands everyone agrees to the idea of becoming incorporated.

Mel will look at any grants we might be able to apply for.

Fundraising. Like the idea of fundraising as all 5 colleges. The P&Cs are very collaborative, and already looking into projects, eg. a green energy plan.

Mel S: Does anybody have fundraising experience?

KG has live auction experience.

Will need to make a decision at the next meeting as to what we want to do.

JN: Maybe a raffle?

KG: Mufti Day?

JH: not too comfortable as a P&C plan. It happens already once a term but is driven by the students and that is probably the best way to keep it.

KC: What is the latest we can decide on a fundraiser?

MS: Last year began June/July time but I'll give it some thought. 20 Nov is on hold with the golf club.

Close:

The meeting was officially closed at 8.05pm on Tuesday 16th June 2020

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 11th 2020