

P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES – 10th September 2019

Date: Tuesday 10th September 2019.

Venue: Northern Beaches Cromer Campus School – The Library

Attendance: Mel Saunders (Mel S), James Brisebois (JB), Aaron Holborow (AH), Stuart Wastell (SW), Matt Soltau (MS), Rob Feltscheer (RF), Karena Comber (KC), Kim Feltscheer (KF), Karen Whiley (KW) Justin Hong (JH) & David Taylor (DT)

Apologies: Maria Berne, Ada Lyras, Pam Cook.

WELCOME:

The meeting was officially opened by Mel S at 7pm.

New Members recorded - Aaron Holborow & Karena Comber.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

JH provided a short discussion on Year 9 NAPLAN results. Graphs showed there was a dip in marks last year, however they improved this year and most of the English results (writing, spelling, grammar) are above State average and were considered to be very good. JH believes this is a reflection of the 20 minute Literacy Program that has been run by the school for the past three years.

DT then provided information regarding the online Wellbeing @ Cromer Program. This is designed for Cromer students to access online help if they are worried about themselves or someone else. It is part of a larger program run through the Peninsula Community of Schools, specifically lead by Barrenjoey High School.

Barrenjoey is now harvesting data on website usage with the aid of Macquarie University, and both DT and Macquarie University would like to undertake a survey of Cromer students to identify student needs and their Wellbeing @ Cromer website usage. This data will then help the school focus on priority areas based on student responses and needs.

The survey will be anonymous to Macquarie University and will be conducted on an opt-in basis with permission notes required from Parents/Carers. The survey has gone through both the Dept. of Education and Macquarie University ethics approval procedures.

It was questioned whether the survey should be called confidential rather than anonymous and DT will give this consideration. It was also asked if there was a minimum participation rate, which DT replied no.

DT also apologised for the cancellation of the Working Bee due to the power cut to the school on Saturday, however it was out of the school's hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current funds approximately \$99,000 excluding Band Committee and Girls Program funding.

There was a discussion on the role of Bendigo Bank and the different bank accounts held and it was decided to not change any banking arrangements at this stage.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mel S discussed her attendance at the SRC Ceremony and that she was planning some joint projects between the SRC and P&C.

"Thank you" sweet biscuits are being provided to the teachers at the end of term by the Canteen – funded by the P&C.

Canteen funds – payments to the P&C are expected to be approximately \$24,000 by the end of 2019.

New canteen refrigerator – the three quotes for new fridges were discussed including the fridge capacity and delivery costs. Quotes were received from Wellkart, Nisbetts, and Bromic. It was decided by the P&C to purchase the more expensive Bromic fridge as it was the largest fridge, best energy rating, 2 year warranty and two person delivery and installation.

Working Bee – a new date will be decided, possibly early next term depending on whether Mr Mace can get the students to sand the tables on a Friday afternoon ready for parents to paint on a Saturday. If children attend, they must be supervised by an adult.

Golf Day – Planning going well with good range of sponsors and the online auction almost ready to go live. Please sign up on Team App to purchase tickets. JH to promote the Golf Day to the teachers. We do need more sponsors and also think of inviting friends and family to attend the dinner or go to the online auction and bid for prizes. It was agreed not to have a 'buy it now' option on the auction. Mel S to send out link to auction and will try to design a flyer.

Recycling Bins – Mel S provided a presentation in regards to recycling bins and enclosures. Investigated the LGP Panel and looked at Draffin Bins as Balgowlah Boys High have recently had 22 installed for approximately \$40,000. We will also have to get a comingled skip bin and the only providers in this area are Cleanaway and Remondis.

There is also a NSW government grant available at the moment and the P&C is going to pursue this to help purchase the bins. It is hoped that possibly the school and P&C can share the costs 50/50.

Water Stations – the school would like to replace the old bubblers with water filling stations like those provided to the public by Council. There is the potential to be part of a company grant program to have them installed for free and this will be followed up by Mel S.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brief discussion regarding the fence around the integrated studies area – can this be removed and the area upgraded or updated. The seating also is in a state of disrepair and needs replacing. KF agreed to talk with Michelle about what would work on the site and what they would need.

Officeworks has a TerraCycle Zero Waste Box program that can be used to dispose of office/school supplies in an environmentally friendly way. TerraCycle is an innovative recycling system that recycles all your unwanted writing products and turns it into new products. Officeworks then plants two trees based on the returned weight of waste to be recycled. Mel S to consider this option.

Charity Drive – there is a request for old handbags to be brought in so that they can be filled with care packs as part of White Ribbon Day. Socialising of this initiative will occur online and via email. The collection of handbags will happen from now until the end of the year.

Band Committee would like to do a fund raiser on the Music Showcase night e.g. cake stall, lollies etc. P&C is supportive of this venture. The Date discussed was 23rd November.

Boys Toilets – there have been complaints that the boys toilets are not in good condition especially in S & E Blocks e.g. doors don't lock, floor always wet, no soap. The children also have to change in these toilets for PDHE and it is cramped and they are loathed to let clothes touch the wet floor. Questioned why can't they use the change rooms in the gym. JH to investigate further as the toilets should be well maintained and cleaned regularly. JH has confirmed that a soap dispenser will be placed into the Boys Toilets.

Electronic devices – does the school have a policy for electronic devices such as smart phones and laptops in the classroom? JH indicated that they follow the Dept of Education guidelines. However, if parents would like a more robust policy to control device usage they can always write to the Department with their concerns and ask that the guidelines be strengthened.

Close

The meeting was officially closed at 9:10pm

Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th November 2019