

P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: 06/06/2022

Venue: School library

Attendance: Matt Soltau (MS), Jenni Davies (JD), Rob Feltscheer (RF), Teresa Burgess (TB), Jenny Jones (JJ), Jake Krausmann (JK), Roberta Sawden (RS), Emma Campbell (EC), Steve Claydon, Jackie Reavie (JR)

Principal: Justin Hong (JH)

Apologies: Laura Williamson

Principal's Report:

1. **Quad Fest** – this was going to be next week but needs to be put back a week to 23/6/22. Parents are welcome to come in to share the festivities – dance & music performances – all the kids are out of class for a couple of lessons. Fun event. There will be a sausage sizzle run by the band committee with the help of P&C
Motion: RF forwarded motion that P&C supply for the sausage sizzle. Seconded by JK
Vote: Unanimous agreement
2. **Consultation event** – JH, in conjunction with the P&C President and Vice Presidents, is going to hold a Consultation Event for parents in the evening of Tuesday August 9th to discuss issues affecting the school. This will include:
 - a. **School uniforms**
 - b. **Changes to the school day** – JH is considering changing the school day to 5 periods/day, starting 10' later at 8.40am, and stopping the Thursday afternoon early finish. This will save significant teaching time to ease the pressure. This is especially important next year, when, according to current predictions, another 13 new members of teaching staff will be needed.
 - c. **P&C initiatives**
3. **Uniform Shop**
 - a. The situation with our current supplier is not satisfactory at present, there has been ongoing stock problems for a number of months now.
 - b. JH met with uniform shop owner, who stated stock is difficult to come by but is improving again. However, TB noted that the new stock that came in sold out within a week so there are still outstanding orders and students who are not able to wear the right uniform to school. This is a big issue for the school and parents in terms of implementing the uniform policy.
 - c. JH has since discussed with JR and the Vice Presidents about the possibility of the P&C taking over the running of the uniform shop. The benefits of this would be to have the profits going directly back to the school upgrades being planned by the P&C. However, the downside is staffing. The main role would be a paid role, which could potentially be one of the school SAS staff. This would cost approximately \$14,500.
 - d. A second issue is that the current uniform shop is about to be repurposed for offices as part of the front office renovation. The new location for the uniform shop would be much smaller, so holding stock would potentially be an issue.
 - e. Basically there are 3 options:
 - i. We continue with the same supplier
 - ii. We re-tender it to a new supplier
 - iii. The P&C take over and use an off-site supplier

- f. With regards to alternate suppliers, Pickles in Brookvale has the option of a hybrid model, where uniform can be picked up from their site in Brookvale, or from the uniform shop at school. If it's sold through them, there would be a 5% profit for us. If we order it in and sell it, there would be a 30% profit for us. EC suggested another supplier who would be competitive with Pickles and potentially a better outcome for the P&C funds. She will follow this up.
- g. JH is going to have run a steering committee for uniform future directions to discuss options prior to the larger Consultation Event as noted above. This committee will include JH, John Hanna (Deputy Principal), a couple of student leaders, the SRC President, 2 parents, a Year Advisor, P&C President. JH is therefore looking for 2 parents to take part in this committee, preferably who represent both male and female students, junior and senior students. The committee will be held on Monday June 20th at 3pm.

Treasurer's Report (Matt Soltau):

Election BBQ

Cash	\$1584.45
Card	\$1353.50
Card Fees	-\$25.74
Income	\$2912.21
Expenses	\$1320.70
Profit	\$1591.51

NET POSITION as of 6/6/22

Balance brought forwards	\$82,897.47
Income	\$1327.76
Expenditure	\$1385.69
Total in Bank	\$82,839.54

Girls Programme	\$11,220.29
Band	\$4,731.60
Committed Expenditure	\$0.00
Available Funds	\$66,777.65

President's Report:

1. **School uniform update** – as discussed above, we need 2 parent volunteers for steering committee. JR to ensure get a variety of parent representation. If you are interested please get in touch with JR via president@cromercampusandc.org.au
2. **Raising screenagers update:**
 - a. Ticket sales are at approx. \$4500- (including \$500- in donations), hoping that this will increase in the last few days before the talk this Wednesday 8/6/22. The invite has now been extended to other schools, specifically our feeder schools with year 6 students who will attend Cromer next year. Another reminder email will be sent out tomorrow to encourage more people to attend and tickets (at a slightly higher price) will be available to purchase on the night.
 - b. The students were surveyed on 1/6/22 to provide data that will be used on the evening and for the follow up event with the students. This follow up event will be held in an evening in Term 3 in 2 separate sessions – earlier for years 7-9 and later for years 10-12. It will be ticketed at approximately \$15- and will include a sausage sizzle.
 - c. For this Wednesday night's event, Kristy (the Speaker) has donated prizes for the raffle, and will also give some of the profit from her book sales to the P&C.
3. **Next talk**, in term 3, will be the Pelvic Health talk by JD
4. **Election Day Fundraiser** – this was a great success as noted during the Treasurer's Report above

5. **Man Cave update (RS)** – Man Cave is an organisation that do 1 day workshops for schools to teach boys how to increase their authentic relationships and teach them how to be vulnerable. RS was looking into this as an option to bring to the school community but has since learned that Fiona Bird (Head Teacher of Student Welfare) has also been looking into a similar event. The plan now is to invite Fiona to a P&C meeting to discuss what support we can give her and the school with such an event. An alternate to Man Cave that RS had found, is the Northern Beaches based Man Anchor. A similar organisation that does a slightly shorter programme that may be more appropriate for school.
6. **Dates for 2022 meetings** (week 2 and 7 each term)
Originally the next meeting should have been on July 25th, however it has been decided to delay it until August 9th to coincide with the 2023 New Parent Intake Evening.
The remaining meetings for 2022 will be: August 29th, October 17th, November 21st.

We look forward to meeting any more parents who would like to come to these meetings and take part in our school community. Everyone is welcome, and no commitment is required, but it is always welcome!

Other Business

1. **Canteen Representative Update (JR):**
 - a. We have a new canteen rep: Helen Romeo – welcome Helen.
 - b. Busiest day on record today
 - c. Staffing is good at the moment
 - d. Canteen is now enrolled in the council initiated Swap for Good School Canteen Programme to phase out the plastic from canteen. By end of November should be plastic free in the canteen. Can bring this initiative into the school as well, but this is for the future.
2. **School Nurse:** Cromer now has a school nurse 3 days/week – Mon- Wed. Her office is next to Fiona Birds office. She is here to connect students to healthcare services, discuss medical needs, and make health care plans. The school welfare team and parents can refer students to her. Students can also self-refer by making an appointment at her office.
3. **Government Grants Update (JJ)** (with help from JK). A grant has been found which is open until this Friday. This is the State Grant Community Building Partnership which is valid for grants of \$5,000 - \$150,000 per organization for capital works for community infrastructure. The aim is to get more outdoor furniture, shades and covered areas for the school – doing a bigger upgrade from what has previously done in the year 7 area and International Gardens – so that all students benefit. JH has also requested more bins around the school. Overall, the aim is to broaden the area of school that can be used by our growing student body. JR has got quotes with a total of \$120,000. This amount can be scaled up or down as needed. JJ suggested that the P&C has approx. \$40,000 to contribute to this cost which will be offered within the grant application. The remaining \$80,000 will be sought in the form of the grant. The contribution by the P&C is aimed at increasing our chances of success in accessing the grant and will be backed up by other statements, such as the fact that the school has almost doubled in size in the space of a few years yet has had no capital investment. JK suggested that we should also get in touch with Brad Hazzard as our local state representative to ask for support for the grant application. JH noted that Brad Hazzard has previously been a good supporter of the school. A GoFundMe page will also be set up to raise extra funds.
Motion: A motion was forwarded to approve \$40,000 of P&C funds to contribute to Grant application by JJ. This was seconded by RF.
Vote: Unanimous agreement
4. **GPs in Schools (JD)** - this is an excellent initiative run by the Sydney North Primary Healthcare Network, where GPs come into schools to educate students on how to access healthcare, what Medicare is, what Bulk Billing is etc. They then do breakout sessions with smaller groups of students and answer questions that have anonymously been submitted. These questions are wide-ranging and cover everything from specific health

issues, to sexual education and drug/alcohol use. JD raised this topic to see if school was already running this initiative, and if not, whether they would be interested in inviting them in. JH confirmed that the school was already taking part.

Close:

The meeting was officially closed at 9.05pm

Next Meeting:

August 9th to link with Parents Night for the 2023 intake