

## Meadowbank Public School P & C

### P&C Meeting : 20 Feb 2024

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**Venue:**School Staff room

**Meeting commenced (time):** 7:30pm

**In Attendance:** Jessica C, Hamed M, Jemma R, Emma G, Laura T, Cecilia P, Ally C, Kimberley H, Jessica C, Craig E, Oyu T, Martin P, Ali M

**Online:** Simon Salomon, Tseegii Ganbaatar, Alison Weirick, Gama, Betty, Klymentii B, Lisa T, Mandy, Sara G, Iqra A, Anissa K, Anand G, Mikhail G, Nicole I, Penelope C, Hurelbaatar Zolzaya, Vinothinee, Anton G, Tuul, Michelle L

**Apologies:** Eiad Y, Jenny P, May W

**Welcome:** Jessica C

- Welcomed all and acknowledgement of Country

**Minutes of the previous meeting accepted:** Jemma R, Jessica C

**Correspondence:** *Laura T*

Nil -

**President's Report:** Jessica Carozza

- General introduction of the P&C, the work and executive, sign up process, to new attendees
- Class groups organised by Jemma
- Tea and tissue morning tea - great success and
- Volunteers needed, 4 new volunteers in canteen already
  - literacy groups
  - Events throughout the year
- New coordinator for uniform shop needed
- Christmas concert raised just under \$1300 which goes towards families in financial stress

**Treasurers Report:** Oyu T

- 21 Nov 2023 to 19 Feb 2024
- Savings closing balance almost \$130,000
- Canteen slight loss, due to yearly payments due for insurance etc, but 11% increase in sales
- Uniform shop making profit
- Dymock library boost raised \$544, P&C will match this donation, pending

**Treasurer's Report was accepted by:** Jemma R, Craig E

**Principal's Report:** Cecilia Parada

- Great to see a good turnout, please continue to come, P&C is a great way to learn about important issues
- 682 students currently enrolled, up from 675 last week
- 4 students identify as Aboriginal, 598 have a language background other than English, 84 speak English only, 394 were born in Australia, 130 were born in Mongolia, 22 born in India, 14 born in China

- 30 classes (28 last year), 2 support classes (1 for students with Autism, 1 multi-categorical)
- 51 teaching staff, 3 office staff, 5 SLSOs
- Principal, 2 Deputy Principals, several Assistant Principals and leaders,
- External validation of the school in literacy, numeracy, community engagement - results will be presented to P&C
- Hermitage Road footpath: update to come, found extra pipe, new completion date mid year tbc
- Safety alerts re TAFE driveways: please do not use the driveways for student drop off / pickup
- Teachers will cover communication plan at meet the teacher
- School now has Facebook and Instagram accounts (with DoE), school would like to use the accounts to post photos of students occasionally to improve community engagement, the school will confirm sharing permissions with parents
- Sentral calendar: IFTA dinner, Harmony day, Easter hat parade, NAPLAN, community hubs already entered

### General Business:

- Access bike locker: Goeff will check with OOSH if their fob opens gate 25 and if they can use the lifts.
- Gate 25: It was suggested to open both sides of the gate, this was already actioned
- PSSA t-shirts purchase option: Shirts can currently be rented; the school is looking into new design, follow-up once the new design is decided, purchase via possibly via vendor or uniform shop if feasible
- Uniform policy for stockings: no mention on the policy yet, parent input requested:
  - Add stockings option to policy, thick and/or thin
  - What is the colour preference? Green favoured amongst those present
  - Should be available through uniform shop
  - Executive will investigate with supplier, present at next meeting
- Share our space - no update
- Additional pedestrian crossing - Cecilia will follow up with Jordan Lane and John Deveny
- Document translation: The school uses translation tools for important documents and would like to have parent volunteers to help with translations, especially in Mongolian. Please email school office attn Ms Crawford
- Craig - Canteen timesheet approval: Jess usually works 33 hours/fortnight, worked a total of 50.5 hours  
**Canteen time sheet was Approved by majority:** Jessica C, Laura T, Jemma R, Oyu T, Hamed M, Emma G
- Clean up Australia day March 3
  - Encourage students to join clean up Australia day March 3, share information about local clean up efforts on WhatsApp groups
  - The school will alert children to Cleanup Australia day at assembly, encouraging children to pickup after themselves and at school
  - P&C will circulate information about local community cleanup events in the WhatsApp groups
- Hamad - Google Workspace:
  - Does the school use the potential of the internet and search engines to the max and encourage children to use search engines more frequently and teach them the effective use
  - Celcilia: AI currently not allowed in school by the DoE
  - Primary school is a place for the children to learn to read and write (critical literacy) to prepare them for the time when they will be using search engines and AI. The school still teaches the children how to use the technology safely.
  - Kim: Research is embedded in the curriculum, research skills are taught through the world book online. Teachers are very skilled in the Google classroom space.
- Lisa T: Will there be Math Olympiad or dance programs this year?
  - Cecilia: The program is in its final stages, it will be distributed in the newsletter, will also be in the meet the teacher sessions
- Alison W: Sentral messaging disappeared, will it come back? Cecilia will check.

**Questions on Notice:**

- Update on uniform policy
- Crossing on See Street
- Halal meat for fundraising BBQs and other P&C activities

**Meeting closed (time)** 8:55 pm

**Next Meeting date:** Tuesday 19 March 2024