

Meadowbank Public School P & C
P&C Meeting : 18 February 2025

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Venue: School Staff room

Meeting commenced (time): 7:30 pm

In Attendance: Cecilia P, Craig E, Laura T, Jemma R, Jenny P, Lisa T, Ali M, Estelle L, Miki S, Susan S, Fabio R, Chris C, Anindya S, Nahil S

Online: Undraa, Saurabh S, Allie C, Ritesh B, Temuujin E, Nara, Amy M, Alison W, Arigun M, Rashmi, Jen, Huijie, Tserka G, Duong B, Chris M, Stefanie L, Kevin, Thomas, Louise I, Thao H, Amol G, Apruva, Nicole I, Davaadulam, Caetano M, Nafisa, Tommy, Eric T, Kirsten C, Tselmeg E, Sanaa, Lai, Julie, Ariunsaikhan J, Celine

Apologies: Michelle W, Oyu T

Welcome: Craig E

- Welcomed all and acknowledgement of Country

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted: Jemma R, Craig E

Correspondence: *nil*

President's Report: *Craig E*

- There was a meeting in December with the Marsden HS Principal, HS P&C president and Leigh Smart where our P&C learned about the relocation of bus stop to Rhodes street near gate 25 and 24. We're awaiting further updates the the proposed changes from council.
- The canteen is up and running continuing. The Mongolian dumplings continue to be popular. The canteen is always looking for volunteers.
- Please attend these meetings regularly, in the next couple of years we need to think about succession planning.

Treasurer's Report:

- *No immediate need to discuss report, it will be discussed and accepted*

Treasurer's Report was accepted by:

Principal's Report: *Cecilia P*

- **Enrollment & Demographics:**
 - 667 students enrolled, down from 684 last year.
 - 84 kindergarten enrollments (down from 100 last year).
 - 43 languages other than English spoken at home, with Mongolian as the most common
 - 1 student identifies as Aboriginal
 - 27 mainstream classes and 3 support classes.
- **Staffing:**

- 57 teachers, 3 office staff, 5 student support staff, 1 general assistant, and 1 part-time school counselor.
- **School Excellence Plan (2025-2029):**
 - Focus areas: reading, numeracy, and attendance.
 - Parent consultation planned for input on school vision and strategic priorities.
- **Infrastructure & Transport:**
 - Updates on Constitution Rd changes and pedestrian access.
 - Awaiting confirmation from Council regarding new school bus zones.
- **Meet the Teacher Sessions:**
 - Scheduled for February 19 & 20.
 - New format introduced to encourage interaction with classroom teachers.
 - A survey will be conducted for parent feedback.
- **Parent-Teacher Interviews:**
 - Changes to the timing and structure of interviews:
 - Term 1: Kindergarten parents receive a scheduled phone call; Years 1-6 can request meetings.
 - Term 2: Reports released at the end of term, followed by formal meetings in Term 3.
 - Term 4: Reports to be released earlier (Week 8) for review before year-end.
- **Communication:**
 - 412 followers on Facebook: 1) celebrating what we are doing as a school 2) taking lots of pictures to showcase what the school is doing especially for those people who don't see what happens at school.
 - The newsletter is the source of truth. The school is looking for a platform other than SWAY to facilitate translations.
 - School website is being updated, photos, policies, procedures, handbook, etc

General Business:

- **Confirmed Jemma in role of VP**
- **Motion to Approve \$400 Expenditure for Meet the Teacher Night:**
 - Moved by: Jemma R; Seconded: Ali M
- **P&C event & fundraisers**
 - Election Day - 12 April
 - Mothers Day - 11 May
 - Fathers Day - 7 sept
 - Ali M volunteered
 - Book Week - August
 - Zone BBQ - May ?
 - Christmas market - Dec
 - End of year concert - Dec
 - Volunteers for these events to organise and help on the day. Great fundraisers some for outside the community.
- **School Sport Costs (Years 3-6)**
 - Concerns raised about mandatory sports fees.
 - Principal clarified that a free option is available, and financial assistance is confidentially available upon request. No child will be disadvantaged.
 - For students with disabilities the school will make accommodations on a case by case basis. Please contact the principal. This will be communicated better in the future.
- **Gifted & Talented Programs**

- School offers various enrichment programs (chess, coding, arts, maths olympiad, Meadowbots, public speaking, debating, recorder and orchestra).
- Discussion about possible additional teacher-led extracurricular activities.
- Gifted children are identified through teachers or parents.

Questions on Notice:

- P&C to write to TAFE leaf-blowers timing

Meeting closed (time) 9:00 pm

Next Meeting date: Tuesday 18 March 2025