

Meadowbank Public School P & C

P&C Meeting : 20 August 2024

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Venue: School Staff room

Meeting commenced (time): 7:30pm

In Attendance: Cecilia P, Craig E, Laura T, Oyu T, Eiad Y, Hamed M, Ali

Online: Anissa, Alex C, Nicole I, Lisa T, Michaela, Tuul,

Apologies: Emma G, Alison W, May W, Jennie P

Welcome: Craig E

- Welcomed all and acknowledgement of Country

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted: *Oyu T, Eiad Y*

Correspondence: *Laura T*

- Emails with Lochie from Voyager Tennis re Father's Day activities. I advised him the event is unlikely to go ahead, but we will be in touch for future events.

President's Report: *Craig E*

- We are still waiting for the final See St crossing
- Hermitage footpath still under construction

Treasurer's Report: *Oyu T*

- The report covers a 2 months period from June to August 2024
- Bank balance sufficient to cover outstanding invoices
- Canteen: The sales amount is the same as the previous year, however the profit margin is 5% lower due to increased supplier prices.
 - **Action:** Discuss price increase at next meeting; member input required
- Uniform shop: Sales are up 6% from last year. Michelle has increased prices to maintain a 20% profit margin.
- No fundraising activities in the current reporting period

Treasurer's Report was accepted by: *Eiad, Hamed*

Principal's Report: *Cecilia Parada*

- School at a glance: 701 students enrolled; demographics have changed: 376 born in Australia, 170 born in Mongolia; 621 students speak a language other than English. 20 students were born in Korea and 19 in India. The next largest groups are China and Iran. 190 students speak Mongolian at home. 137 speak English at home. 66 speak Korean at home. Largest grade has 120 students in year 2 and there are 114 students in year 4. We will form a 3rd support class (in progress)
- Moving P&C meetings to TEAMS in the future as Zoom has 40 minute limits for schools now.
 - **Action:** Inform parents well in time before the next meeting (Cecilia via newsletter, Laura in

Whatsapp groups)

- Strategic Improvement Plan: The school has received 33 responses in the survey. The responses have been very informative.
- Additional extracurricular activities: The school is currently going through Consent Orders for external providers to use the site. Cecilia is unable to give a timeframe, the process has drawn out much longer than anticipated.
- Community Hub: There is another community hub coming up on how the school teaches science, PDHPE, history. Parents are also invited to talk about other things and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit.
 - **Action:** Share in Whatsapp group (Laura)
- Cecilia would like to thank the parents and teachers for their engagement and effort. There are lots of things happening in school. Not all events are noted on the Sentral calendar, namely those that take place in the school, such as a police visit, NRMA visit, sporting challenge, book week, book week parade. It's a very busy term.
- **Question** Eiad: Why is the school sporting program only on for 3 weeks? - Cecilia will confirm, most likely due to funding.
- **Question** Eiad: Are the NAPLAN results out? - Yes. There is a lot of data analysis happening. In the end it is used to determine how and which students to support. Results are all above state. The school is very happy with the result.
- **Question** Eiad: Regarding teaching graduates: what are the criteria for the students to come to this school? At first the students are being introduced to the school, in a later stage the students get matched with a proficient teacher. The universities have their criteria by when and how the students need to spend in school. They are not allowed to be in the classroom without a teacher. Kids benefit from the experience as there is essentially another set of hands to help in the classroom. There are also visits from overseas teachers like the ones from Taiwan and Japan this term.

General Business:

- Election for vacant roles of president and vice president:

Office	Nominee	Nominator	Seconded
President	Craig Elliot	Laura Taylor	Ali Mamouri
Vice President	Eiad Yafi	Laura Taylor	Hamed Izadi Nia

- Craig Elliot was elected President unopposed and accepted the role.
- Eiad Yafi was elected Vice President unopposed and accepted the role.
- The canteen requires a new saucepan for the Japanese curry and butter chicken. A suitable saucepan will cost approx. \$200.
- Book week fundraiser: May has agreed to look after the fundraiser again
 - **Action:** Follow up with May, confirm which fundraiser to use
- Father's Day fundraiser: Link father's day celebration to book parade and dress up if they want. Cecilia will ask the teachers to create cards for father's day with the kids.
 - **Action:** Create flyer and share in Whatsapp group (Laura)
- Hamed: How can parents encourage children to follow a certain career path. How to encourage children to get into selective school. Hamed would like to share videos depicting various careers via the school

newsletter to give children ideas what different kind of careers can look like and/or invite parents to present their careers.

- Consensus that the parenting be left to the parents and the P&C focuses on community engagement and help fund educational experience for all students
- Monitoring of uniform shop and canteen regarding prices
 - **Action:** Craig will meet with Jess and Oyu to discuss price increases for the canteen.
- Anissa wanted to know about end of year celebrations such as the concert. Can we do something else other than the concert. Allie is happy to include a parent item in the concert and/or welcome parents into the band.
- Craig would like to facilitate the end of year dinner for volunteers in canteen and uniform shop again this year.
- Anissa: Congratulations to Meadowbank. Finalist in SWAP competition.

Questions on Notice:

- **Picnic day, organised by P&C**
- **Engaging more parents in the P&C**
- **Auditor search**
- **Christmas concert**

Meeting closed (time) 9:13 pm

Next Meeting date: Tuesday 17 September 2024