Meadowbank Public School P & C

P&C Meeting: March 21 2023

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Venue: School Staff room

Meeting commenced (time): 7:35pm

In Attendance: James McCullough, Margie Lim, Craig Elliot, Maria Efstathiou, Eiad Yafi, Laura Taylor, Angela Inman, Cecilia Parada

Online - Jemma Rollo, Anissa Kam, Anka, Che Tran, Anissa Kam, Alison Weirick, Sohag Hossain, Dilla, Joan Derona, Seiffy Seife, Kirralee Thomas Geraghty, Mark Sze

Apologies: Richard Ford, Danielle DePaoli

Welcome: James McCullough

Welcomed all and acknowledgement of Country

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted: Eiad Yafi, Sohag

Correspondence: Angela Inman

Canteen (Jess Ranganui) - re rust on new benches. Response from Craig Elliot-not actually rust, it's alloy discoloration, cleaning product

Democracy sausage

fundraising -lots of options

President's Report - James McCullough

- 16 paid members we would love to increase this, big decisions to make
- \$2 membership, you can pay through the My School Connect app and QR code will be sent via class whatsapp.
- Footpath along Hermitage Rd school infrastructure calls unresponsive

Treasurers Report:

Notes / Highlights / Actions

Key Highlights

* Bank balance currently held at \$120k after taking into account invoices and liabilities not yet due.

Canteen

- * YTD profit margin for canteen is 7% which is lower than same time last year.
- * We have purchased new pie warmer this month which is once off cost.

Uniform Shop

- * Uniform sales to date of \$45k. Profit margin increased to 42%.
- * Uniform stock on hand currently held at \$49k.
- * Till mid March 7k worth of Back to school Voucher has been redeemed.

Fundraising

* No fundraising till this date. First event scheduled on 25th March, state election day.

Other income and expenses

- * P&C membership new financial year can all members please pay \$2 fee.
- \$2 P&C Membership fee can be paid via MySchoolConnect Uniform shop

Question from Margie re profit margin for Uniform sales - are there missing invoices? Sohag is aware of a couple of them, margin is actually less. Therefore, **approval of the treasurer's report held off til next meeting to fill in missing gaps**

Principal's Report: Cecilia Parada

- Welcome to new parents
- Leadership team changes Stage leaders K Ms Savelmini, Stage 1- Mr Fenech, Stage 2 Mrs Emeleus, Stage 3 Mr Johnston, Lead Teachers - Ms Alessi, Mr McCarthy. AP Curriculum/Instruction - Mrs Houghton (off class). Learning Support - Ms Crawford. SASS led by Leanne Sironen. GA- Geoff
- Thanks to P&C exec, esp President James and co. As a community work to achieve for students, 646 students
- Transient lots of enrolments coming and going. Staffing is based on enrolments as of the cut off date start of the year, which was for 25 classes, but now we have enough students for 27 classes, classes might need to be created depending on which grade new enrolments come into.
- Attendance and absences target for # of students at school for 90% of the time, 2025 target of 92%, an aspirational target. Urging families to send students if they are well, aim to travel where possible in school holidays. Lateness is also a problem, this impacts on student learning.
- If students are off sick, on leave there is no expectation of catching up on school work. If parents wish them to do work, they will send link to Dep of Education syllabus aligned activities
- Naplan data is used on individual, cohort and whole school level, with targets to reach
- Mrs Houghton working with teachers on new syllabus Professional Learning, programming, development et
- Infrastructure footpath officially to happen before April-Sept
- School space for community use still waiting for approval of this by school infrastructure. Process will be tabled. Community use of facilities until 10pm, in addition 1 night/term until 10pm.
- Traffic Senior transport planners have met with MPS and MHS principals to observe traffic on Rhodes St, bus zone congestion, See St crossing etc.
- Old school site green space plans are currently on exhibit, and close tomorrow

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General Business:	,
 (a) Canteen Coordinator Search for a coordinator since Jenny resigned Craig Elliot - welcome to exec team! Moved - Margie, Seconded -Angela Canteen Sub Committee established - Jemma Rollo (VP), Craig Elliot, Jenny Piao Sub committee - provides an update to P&C meeting, oversees paid staff, meet once per term Craig report:	James McCullough
 bought a new pie warmer, may need another based on demand still looking for Thurs/Fri volunteers 11am-1:30pm . Volunteers follow instructions of paid staff to make and package lunches. Serve face to face for 30 mins. SEtting up online business account with Woolies for deliveries, cutting out need for canteen staff to shop Spriggys schools have approached canteen, a rival to MySchool Connect - Craig will investigate pest control has been done 	Craig Elliot
 (b) Parent communication with class teachers parent feedback - not comfortable about not having direct access to teachers, parents liked SeeSaw. Parents want less formal means of contact, not having to go through email. Casual contact options have been dramatically reduced, informal interaction is missing. Cecilia Parada comments - there is a plan for direct communication platform. Needs to be a Dept of Ed approved option, one that suits community needs. E.g Sentral has an avenue, albeit still quite formal, that goes to the teacher directly. 	Mark Sze

This could be set up quickly, can't rush it in case it doesn't suit. Trial for Sentral with one year perhaps - Teachers have the same feedback as parents, they are missing the casual contact, face to face is good after school for teachers. - Gates can be opened longer, parents hang around longer etc. Parents are welcome to go up the stairs to classrooms	
 Comment from parents in support of fact that the newsletter includes student work. The staff now have a roster of class notices for the newsletter, which the P&C appreciate. 	
(c) Election stalls- final planshappy with number of volunteers on the roster, all covered!cake boxes to come out to studentsall organised!	Jemma Rollo
(d) P&C Contribution to classes - staff still to discuss this	James McCullough
 (e) P&C funds for school programs (eg Science incursion, Swimming program) Suggested science incursion - Junior Science Academy (MQ Uni), running a pilot program into schools now MPS exec would be keen for a Term 3 or 4 whole school Science Day, using JSA for. session = \$7 per day, \$20 for a full day. P&C would be keen to pursue this and Jemma will liaise with MQ Uni. Cecilia to contact Jemma 	James McCullough
 Swimming program after the last swimming carnival - it is clear that many students are not confident in water which is a safety risk, P&C to explore funding to support a swimming program MPS School Exec to put together ideas for discussion next meeting 	
- Survey to be sent out regarding what we programs could support	
 (f) Sustainable art incursion - progress Term 2 into term 3 Cost projection \$2000 motion moved by James McCullough that the P&C fund this incursion, support voted upon unanimously When advertised, request that P&C funding is advertised Education Week early Term 3 	Alison Weirick

Items on notice

Auditor before the AGM is needed - advertise in newsletter

As per above - P&C contributions after feedback from MPS staff re classroom contributions, JSA Science, Swimming program

Meeting closed (time) 9:05pm

Next Meeting date: Tuesday 16 May 2023 7:30pm