

Meadowbank Public School P & C

P&C Meeting : 15 Aug 2023

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Venue: School Staff room

Meeting commenced (time): 7:30pm

In Attendance: Oyun-Erdene Tsengelau, Darren Davies, Richard Ford, James McCullough, Mark Sze, Laura Taylor, Jemma Rollo, Craig Elliot, Eiad Rafi, Cecilia Parada, May Whitaker, Jordan Lane

Online: Maryam Goodarzi, Erdene Ochirbat, Nandintsetseg Lundendorj, Kirralie Thomas, Nigel Webb, Anissa Kameleddine, Ye Kim

Apologies: Angela Inman, Danielle Michaels, Alexandra Crawford, Jennie Piao

Welcome: *James McCullough*

- Welcomed all and acknowledgement of Country

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted (these were emailed to all parents on Mon 24/7): Jemma Rollo, Eiad Rafi

Correspondence: Angela Inman (Angela I) and James McCullough (James M)

Questions for Jordan Lane

From Cecilia/Colliers - an update on roadworks - will be in the newsletter too.

President's Report:

- Reminder that there are President and 2 x VP roles required for 2024. Laura Taylor (Laura T) has noted that she is willing to take the Secretary role. We need to be closer to finding replacements by the next meeting in order to vote them in during the P&C annual meeting. James asked if anyone has spoken to people that may be interested of which none were noted. May Whitaker (May W) suggested putting up / sending out the job descriptions and roles - Cecilia Parada (Cecilia P) noted that an email could be sent out to the school community, she'll raise it at the next community hub, keep ads in the school newsletter, as well as for Kindy orientation. Action for the executive to move forward with preparing and advertising the roles. May W will engage her contacts as well. James M noted this is a priority for the P&C.
- No major updates on the Hermitage footpath development
- Banking, Term Deposits, and paperwork involved in handing over to Oyun-Erdene Tsengelau (Oiyu T). All this will be done over the next few weeks.
- Asked whether the students could wear green and gold on Monday for the Australian women's football team. Cecilia P noted that Friday isn't an option as they require sports uniform. Craig Elliot (Craig E) noted that kids could wear a sprig of Wattle as well.

Treasurers Report:

Notes / Highlights / Actions

- Thank to Margie for helping to put the report together
- Margins are on track regarding the Canteens and Uniforms
- Profit is \$28,500 year to date
- \$6K in contributions - After school sports (get other items as well)
- \$5.6K for the freezer
- Still in the black
- Fundraising, trivia night is the last fundraising activity
- Approved by Laura and Oiyu

Treasurer's Report was accepted by: Laura T and Oiyu T

Principal’s Report: Cecilia Parada

- Cecilia P presented our NAPLAN results, with a high-level run through as they have not had time to go through it in depth at this stage. NAPLAN results covered writing, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. Cecilia noted that our spelling results were the strongest of the set with a high proportion of students in the Exceeding band. Generally, Cecilia noted that the results were good compared to previous schools she has been with and compared to the state.

With the results the school will use them to inform and evaluate their Strategic Improvement Plan, review the teaching & learning programs, inform professional learning for staff, and provide information for the Learning & Support team.

Analysis will be done at student-level with a focus on students in the “Need Additional Support” and “Excelling” bands. This may involve discussions with parents and teachers.

A question was asked as to whether students are tracked from year 3 to year 5, Cecilia noted that due to the changing cohorts it is difficult to track them as a group across years.

Cecilia noted that Louise Imseih has asked teachers to identify students that performed well in the test but less so in class to better understand the support they need.

Cecilia noted that years 3-6 use a program called Spelling Mastery and that appears to be working well.

Cecilia noted that there has been a lot of Professional Learning in numeracy based on previous results.

Cecilia noted that teachers may utilise their time during teacher/parent interviews to discuss the results.

- Attendance - Cecilia noted that our attendance rate (% attending 90% of the time), 74.8%, is up and almost up to pre-COVID (2019, 77%). Absence rates decline from Kindergarten to Year 6.
- Communication - Cecilia will publish guidelines on Effective Communication on the website as well as a diagram on how parents can communicate with their teacher.

Laura T asked about whether communication can be done through Sentral. Cecilia responded that communication between parents and teachers will continue to be through email. Laura T asked about general communication through Sentral.

Attendees asked about a form that a parent can use that may still go to the generic email inbox. Action item - look at a form available on the parent portal that allows parents to send a message and note who it is for (an auto-responder noting how the message will be handled would be beneficial).

- Professional Learning - Cecilia noted that PL will continue through terms 3 and 4.
- Cecilia asked if any Mongolians could help with translation (Erdene Ochirbat said they would help). Maryan Goodarzi said that they would help with Persian.

General Business:

Canteen freezer	Craig Elliot Craig E noted 3 quotes for the same model. The first quote \$6,028, \$6,041, \$5,607. The 3rd is preferred as it has a discount.
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	<p>James M asked the benefits and catalyst for the purchase. Craig E noted that perishables delivered on the Monday can be put into the freezer and used at a later time and not perish. This additionally provides more space for the perishable discount.</p> <p>May, James, Craig, Laura agreed.</p> <p>This has been approved, motion approved by Mark Sze (Mark S) and seconded by Jemma R and Oiyu T.</p>
Election of treasurer	<p>James McCullough</p> <p>James M thanked Sohag Hossain for his time as treasurer. James M officially nominated Oiyu T as the treasurer and this was voted on and approved by James M and seconded by Craig E.</p> <p>Oiyu thanked the group and said she would do her best in the role.</p>
Trivia night planning	<p>Jemma Rollo</p> <p>Trivia Night – September 15, 6:30PM onward.</p> <p>Jemma R spoke about the trivia night (September 15), Renata, who is planning the evening, will make it fun and the questions will not be overly challenging. Renata noted that multicultural tables will have an advantage. Payment will be done on the night and reserving tables in advance would be beneficial.</p> <p>Jemma R asked people to talk on WhatsApp to parents to try and organise the tables.</p> <p>Richard Ford (Richard F) suggested that those that don't have other parents to attend with they could contact Jemma R and she will help organise a table.</p> <p>Darren Davies (Darren D) asked why we use WhatsApp and Jemma R noted that if anyone would prefer not to use it, it's not mandatory.</p> <p>Jemma R asked whether the P&C can cover the cost of some basic food supplies.</p> <p>Jemma requested \$300 for these food supplies and this was voted on and approved by Laura T, Oiyu T, and Mark S.</p> <p>Cecilia P noted that parents should not bring their children and suggested that if they do bring their children that we ask them to take them home and come back. Jemma R noted that it has been advertised as "No Children".</p>
'Share our Space' program	<p>Jemma Rollo</p> <p>Jemma R noted that this exists across schools in the state, whereby school grounds can be used outside school hours. P&C met with Cecilia P and she noted that it may be able to be used on the weekends if no works are due on that weekend.</p>

	<p>Jemma R noted that students would need to be supervised and there would be rules.</p> <p>Richard F asked if businesses could use the space, such as soccer camps. Jemma R noted that this doesn't cover business use.</p> <p>Laura T noted that caution needs to be applied whereby the grounds are kept clean and tidy. Jemma R noted that Schools Infrastructure would open and close the school for us and provide an additional clean.</p> <p>Jemma R asked if the general community is happy for this to be made available. Meeting attendees agreed.</p> <p>Cecilia P noted that the school has plans for works during the next school holidays so they may not be available then. Cecilia P spoke to the GA, Geoff, regarding putting up gates to block off sections of the school during these periods.</p> <p>In principle, the school and the parents agree that this is a good idea.</p>
Connecting Parents	<p>Anissa Kameleddine</p> <p>Anissa K briefly spoke about a communication book that was used in France and it provides guidance on how parents and teachers communicate. Anissa K noted that teachers can attach information related to the class, the school, and the student - so all information is in one place. Parents could also add information about the student to the book. It provided a very personal shared documentation between the parent and the teachers.</p> <p>James M noted that we have a sample of the booklet and it can be circulated.</p> <p>Anissa K will discuss this again further in the next meeting.</p>
Book Week	<p>May Whitaker</p> <p>May W has registered us for the Dymocks charity, same as last year. We fundraise and then Dymocks will match and provide books to a school in the need.</p> <p>May W needs permission for the SRC to collect donations from classes and for us to allow parents</p> <p>Jemma R noted that this is already approved. Jemma R noted that communication about bringing gold coins to class would be beneficial, particularly through WhatsApp</p>
Jordan Lane	<p>Jordan Lane (Jordan), Member for Ryde, has also been a mayor.</p> <p>He noted that this is the most impressive P&C meeting he has been to.</p> <p>He previously went to Meadowbank Public School and is very passionate about the school and community.</p>

He noted that there is a Community Building Partnerships program, which is a small amount of funding that could be provided to the school. It is contingent on the September budget as to whether the program continues but could be a \$40-50K allocation and he would work with us on what it could be. He put it to the P&C to consider things that the school could need, and he'll be able to support it if the allocation is made available.

He noted some areas he can help - school support, advocacy, parliament visits, as well as providing information to the students on how democracy works which he felt isn't something that has been generally available. Education is a big focus for him and how to make it modern and fit for purpose.

Question (James M): How do you interact with Federal and Council?

Answer: Having been mayor, federal is least relevant to the school. Jordan speaks to federal government if needed, though he thinks local and state would be areas needing most support. Jordan is still on the council, and still is elected, so can provide direct support there.

Question (James M): Traffic - Bowden Street traffic lights, Hermitage Road traffic light, Hermitage footpath. Not clear on

Answer: Two traffic lights - Transport for NSW - met with two MPS parents last week and have some correspondence with the Minister for Roads and has asked them to look at it - the biggest challenge is getting them to accept that there is a problem. The Hermitage Rd lights need a turning-right light.

Jordan noted that the council is responsible for the Bowden Street parking near the lights which is affecting the traffic levels.

May W asked and Jordan noted that Bowden and Constitution Rd will be a traffic light in the future.

Jordan conceded that it will be a balancing act with all the traffic around the school.

Regarding the light-industrial area next to the school, Jordan noted that it would be good to have some community space and more businesses beneficial to the community there.

Question (James M): Hermitage footpath, looking for someone to take accountability for this

Answer: Jordan said he spent the most of his term as Mayor working on this issue. He noted that there was never an agreement to do the footpath between Schools Infrastructure and the council. The council resolved that it would take onboard the delivery of the path. Schools Infrastructure were only going to give a tick that they are happy with the approach. The council has taken it on and reworked the plan and this was approved by Schools Infrastructure. Sydney Water has a main under the footpath and is happy for the footpath to be there but must move the main. Due to Sydney Water being an independent entity it has taken a lot of time to get them moving.

The timeframe for completion is not yet available.

Jordan noted that he believes the main pipe has been moved. Laura T added some additional infrastructure has been moved.

James M asked Jordan if he can help to support this and provide visibility on the project. Jordan agreed to support this and provide information on where the project is on.

Question (James M): Drainage for the oval of the school, which means there is no grass and it's a dirt pit. James M noted that Schools Infrastructure have not been able to provide any solution.

A: Jordan asked Cecilia P if there's correspondence regarding this. Cecilia P noted that there's communication about the oval and most is related to defect meetings. Jordan asked if it would be preferable to have artificial grass. Richard F noted that half grass/half artificial is being used for soccer matches and that could be useful. Cecilia P understands that the drainage is an issue that could affect the use of having grass or artificial grass.

Jordan will take the information from Cecilia P to understand what the roadblock is and to then support that going forward.

Question: What is happening with the old school site

Answer: Long legal process to reclassify the land, and it is currently zoned for education. Jordan doesn't know the date for that rezoning. Jordan believes it will be turned into community land.

Eiad R asked if the old day-care will be used for community land. Jordan noted that it will retain its zoning for day-care / pre-school.

Jordan noted that he hopes the school hall will be kept. He noted that the space will need to be funded by the council so it won't have a lot of facilities to start with but should be an open space for kids to play on.

Question (James M): Teachers pays

Answer: Jordan noted that teachers aren't revered by the community as much as it should be. He noted that he will try and hold the government accountable to their commitment to supporting teacher pay.

Question (May W): Referring to a speech Jordan made in parliament, extracurricular activities could be extended on site - how could that happen?

Answer: Jordan noted that the government has ruled it out for now. Jordan noted that there are all the facilities a school has and that could be utilised for the benefit of the community. Jordan noted that 3pm pickups make it difficult for working couples. Jordan also considers the gender-bias that occurs as the pickups may fall more generally to a female partner. The time after school could be used within the school facility and for other educational providers until the parents are available for pickup.

Jordan is hoping the opposition party will take this as policy and he hopes that this will be implemented through his party or be taken onboard by the elected party.

He added that the cost of after-school care was also a consideration to

making it a policy.

In summary, the key actions for Jordan:

1. Traffic and lights
2. School oval - Cecilia P will send some information
3. Dates for the old site
4. Advocating for Teachers and Nurses to be paid more

Meeting closed (time): 9:24PM

Next Meeting date: 19 September 2023