

Meadowbank Public School P & C

P&C Meeting : 19 March 2024

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Venue: School Staff room

Meeting commenced (time): 7:30pm

In Attendance: Jessica C, Hamed I, Laura T, Cecilia P, Melinda E, Jessica Co, Ally C, Ali M

Online: Jennie P, Jelena M, Louise I, Emma G, Khulan C, Michael, May W, Katie W, Nomin, Nicole I, Anissa K, Buy E, Deepak

Apologies: Lisa T, Craig E, Eiad Y, Oyu O,

Welcome: Jessica C

- Welcomed all and acknowledgement of Country

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted: Jessica, Ali

Correspondence: *Laura T*

Nil -

President's Report: Jessica Carozza

- P&C follows constitution and bylaws, these are readily for anyone who would like to see them
- There is a \$2 fee to become voting member, one must be present to vote (in person or online)
- The P&C currently has 20 members
- We are looking for volunteers for the uniform shop, canteen and events throughout the year
- Uniform Coordinator needed permanently, ideally for the whole year. The role requires time on Mondays and Thursdays, 1 - 2 hours each day. Without a volunteer the uniform shop would need to be outsourced which would result in significant increase in prices for the uniforms.
- Proper use of Whatsapp groups: they are there to share information about classes, the school, and the P&C and for parents to get to know each other and organise class events.

Treasurers Report: *Jessica*

- The bank balance is at \$139K, which is 8% higher than previously reported
- Current sales of the canteen are at \$44K
- Current sales of the uniform shop are at \$43.5K
- There were no fundraising events in the current reporting period
- There are 20 paid members for P&C

Treasurer's Report was accepted by: Hamed I, Ali M

Principal's Report: *Cecilia Parada*

- The school's Facebook account has 189 followers to date. There was an email request to refresh permission to publish as there was no social media at the time of enrolment. The school would like to showcase what is happening at school. No names will be posted and students that can't be published will either have their face

made unrecognisable or not included in photos at all.

- Cultural Events: The school endeavours to celebrate events that are meaningful to the school population, such as St Patrick's Day. We welcome input from the families as to what the parents/carers would like to see observed.
- The school's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) builds knowledge and pride in people's culture, history and contributions.
- Meadowbank TAFE has construction happening on Building P. They are asking the community to use the paths outlined. It has also been noted that there are students from MPS and the High School and possibly other schools after school unsupervised. At times children who are supervised are not supervised closely enough. Some children go into the buildings without their parents. The school will send further information to parents. TAFE only have one guard on site, TAFE teachers have been told to call police if children are found unsupervised.
- There are community reports from the public about unsafe behaviour in public, e.g. walking on the road on Constitution Rd. A reminder to parents/carers to reinforce safe behaviour with their children.

General Business:

- [Jessica] Uniform Shop: P&C and the school have conducted a survey about adding green stockings to the uniform. There are currently many different colours and lengths of legging, stockings or tights. The survey was released in the newsletter and in the Whatsapp groups. We've had 62 responses, 53 agreed to add stockings, 9 disagreed (reasons were: prefer black stockings, any colour, itchiness/uncomfortable, not necessary, black/white preferred).
It was previously discussed that white gets too dirty, black would add an extra colour. Bottle green stockings are available at Kmart and Best&Less, the uniform supplier also has them available and they can be added to our range in the uniform shop. They come in all sizes at approx \$12 from LW Reid. We thank everyone for their feedback. The stockings will be an optional item; pants also available.
The school executive will talk about this further. White not a good option given the school life taking place largely on the ground.
- Donations of clean and good condition uniforms for the second hand shop are happily accepted, drop off at office
- There's been a request for deliveries to go straight to the classroom. This has been trialled and was well received.
 - **Motion moved by Jessica Carozza to fund uniform shop supplies of approx \$500. The motion passed by majority (voted yes: May W, Ali M, Hamad I, Jennie P, Jessica C, Laura T)**
- It has been suggested to pay a parent to run the uniform shop. Preference would be to find a volunteer to reduce cost as much as possible and keep the uniform at a low price.
- [Laura] Canteen: Kiyomi and Jess have updated the canteen menu. The updated menu is currently with volunteer and graphic designer Michelle Dawson who is improving the design of it before it is updated on the school website and distributed in the newsletter. This will give the canteen more attractive signage. The label printer in the canteen is broken.
- [Jessica] 12 May 2024 is Mother's Day. The P&C will hold the Mother's Day stall on 8 May. Last year the P&C spent \$2900, sold 427 gifts, and raised \$4100. Michelle Dawson will help with the stall again. If anyone has contacts for suppliers please reach out. Ideally we would like to be able to return leftover stock. We will need volunteers on the day, please reach out to Jessica or email P&C, there will also be a whatsapp group for volunteers.
 - **Motion moved by Jessica Carozza to support the fundraiser with \$2500. The motion passed unanimously (voted yes: Ali M, Hamad I, Emma G, May W, Cecilia P, Jessica C, Laura T, Jennie P)**
- [Jessica] Zone Cross Country is on 29th May, 8:30am-2pm. Last year the total spend was \$1900, \$7700 was raised, generating \$5800 in profit. Jess from the canteen will help again. We will be able to offer vegetarian and halal options, there are 2 bbqs. We need volunteers mainly on the day for cooking and serving, ideally for 1 - 2 hours, or more if you can. We will create a whatsapp group for volunteers.

- **Motion moved by Jessica Carozza to support the fundraiser with \$2500. Motion passed unanimously (voted yes: Emma G, May W, Cecilia P, Jessica C, Ali M, Hamed I, Jennie P, Laura T)**
- [Cecilia and Jessica] The school is organising an aboriginal incursion for K-6 on 30th May, the Koomurri Aboriginal Experience. The minimum spend is \$7000. The package consists of all day activities, smoking ceremony, welcome dance, didgeridoo playing, song and dance, and more. Enrolments are currently at 694 students, which would mean a cost of approx \$10 per student. The incursion will take place during reconciliation week. If the P&C does not fund the incursion, it would either be put to the parents or the school would fund it to ensure every student can participate. The school knows the P&C likes to fund whole school activities and this will fit well with the curriculum
 - **Motion moved by Jessica Carozza to fund the excursion for \$7000. Motion passed by majority (voted yes: Ali M, Hamed I, Jessica C, Laura T, Emma G)**
- [Laura] Pedestrian safety: After meeting with Lyndal Howison and Jerome Laxale a petition was shared to move council to commence work on a pedestrian crossing and to supply traffic control measures in the meantime. The next ordinary council meeting will take place on 26 March 2024 where the matter will be raised.
 - [Jessica] There was feedback regarding the survey. P&C acted in accordance with its statutes and bylaws, but we will take on any feedback and will consider the issues raised in the future.
 - [Cecilia] There was also a person from Traffic NSW at the meeting, this matter was raised with other people in the past such as Jordan Lane.
- [Cecilia] Access to the bike locker during Oosh: Goeff has checked with Their Care, the fobs will open bike locker and operate the lifts. We will discuss the best procedure to retrieve the bikes with Their Care this week.

Emma suggests a key on a wooden spoon similar to how cafes sometimes handle shared keys. Cecilia advised this may not be possible as the keys are school property and there are policies regarding their handling.
- [Goeff] Gate 25 has not always had both doors open; Goeff will ensure both door are open every morning.
- [Ali] Could there be a party to celebrate the end of Ramadan (Eid)?
 - Last year showed that most kids who celebrate Eid won't be in school on that day, but it is discussed in class so all children learn about it.
- [Anissa] Parents received a link about topics taught in PDHPE. The information was very vague, could there be more detail?
 - [Cecilia] The department sends out this link. Parents can contact the class teacher and assistant principal to find out more details about what will be taught. There are new units from DoE NSW this year. This will be taught mostly in term 3; it would be best to have this meeting a bit later in the year.
- [Anissa] Is there a teacher for Islamic studies this year?
 - Classes could be put together. There would be 28 kids in K-2, Ali agrees.
- There will be no P&C meeting in April due to the school holidays

Questions on Notice:

- nil

Meeting closed (time) 8:52 pm

Next Meeting date: Tuesday 21 May 2024