

**Meadowbank Public School P & C**

**Association Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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**Venue:** Staff Room, Meadowbank Public School

Meeting commenced 7:30

**In Attendance:** Zoe Williamson, Annabel Daley, Jenni Cope, Margie Lim, Sue Mifsud, Csilla Peredi-Blasko, Danielle Michaels, Ankur Sinha, Rashi Srivastava, Christie Janda, Jo Balta, Chi Sza

**Apologies:** Angela Inman

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted by Christine Janda and seconded by Danielle Michaels  
Amendments: treasurers report to be updated

**Action arising from previous meeting:** uniform ensure the logo is consistent. DM proposed that Oosh is run by P&C at other schools and we could investigate opportunities in the new school. Jenni advised that based on feedback from DEP most P&Cs moved away from this model.

**President's Report - Zoe Williamson**

Met with Victor Dominello this month with Jenni Cope and Joanne Balta as we have not had an update from PRG regarding the new school build since June. Wanted to make sure nothing was holding the project up and that it was still on track to be finished by 2022. He reassured us that the project was still on track.

With 2 new demountables added to the oval and another 2 planned for early next year the school is rapidly losing playground space. Trying to think of alternative ways to create more space in the school for our students over the next 2 – 3 years while the new school is being built and the school community continues to grow.

One idea is to approach council to borrow the tree area behind the boundary fence for students to play in, and potentially other area of the council depot. I have written to the Mayor asking to meet with him to discuss it and he is discussing it with staff before he sets up meeting. This would take a bit of negotiation and may include moving the fence (at our cost) and a working bee to clean up the area.

**Correspondence:**

Uniform shop catalogues, P&C monthly magazine

**Treasurers Report:**

Annabel Daley submitted the Treasurer's Report for the Period 21 August – 17 September '19.  
Summary as follows:

**Funds at Bank**

<i>Westpac Cheque A/c per BS</i>	\$32,632.17
<i>Approved Transfers Outstanding</i>	\$5,485.83
<i>Liabilities</i>	\$2,175.38

Westpac Cheque Account (net)	\$24,970.96
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Westpac Investment A/c per BS	\$40,865.89
<b>Total available at present</b>	<b>\$65,836.85</b>

### **Notes/Highlights/Actions**

1. Payroll completed
2. Invoices paid

Tracking money especially fundraising floating money should be properly recorded.

Treasurers report was accepted by Zoe Williamson and seconded by Csilla Peredi-Blasko

### **Principal's Report 17 September 2019**

Staffing news: Mr Johnson will be taking leave for the last 2 weeks of this term, Mrs Maximous will be teaching Morrison during this time.

Swim School: has been moved to Term 4 hopefully we have enough take up otherwise will lose this spot. We elected to try to change to Term 2 as it is in the lead up to summer and also we feel it may be less disturbance at the beginning of the year.

Tuning Into Kids: Parent session - Every Thursday from 31st October – 5 December 9 -11am  
Strategies to assist parents in helping their children understand and regulate their emotions and enhancing emotional intelligence.

- Awareness and regulation of parents own emotions
- Awareness of their child's emotions
- To use children's emotions as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve
- To guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

Tell Them From Me Survey responses from students and parents discussed. How best could we deliver these information sessions?

### **Uniform Shop Report:**

NIL to report

### **Canteen Report:**

Incident report from Sue Mifsud:

There was a minor accident in the canteen on Thursday the 29th of August involving Kiyomi. She tripped over the open door of the dishwasher and fell landing on her hand, jarring her wrist. She attended Ryde Hospital to have it assessed and X-rayed. The X Ray revealed there were no fractures to the wrist. Kiyomi was advised to take pain relief if required and ice the injury. She was off work the next day but returned the following week.

Jenny Cope witnessed the incident and had her fill out an incident report which she has forwarded to Sue. Sue spoke with Kiyomi to ask whether there were any expenses she wanted us to cover or anything she wanted us to do. There wasn't.

Sue reported it to iCare our insurer and filled out an Incident Report. This is currently a notification not a claim, until an Assessor contacts both Kiyomi and Sue to determine whether anything else needs to take place.

## **General Business**

### **Ideas to spend available fund:**

- Maintenance of playground equipment - \$15,800
- Ideas from teachers: outdoor furniture for passive play areas, novels from year 3-6, percussion instruments
- Reserve fund for possible fence moving on council land.

Motion on support the maintenance of playground with \$5,000 and make a decision on further spending. Proposal made by Zoe Williamson, supported by all the meeting attendees.

### **Space issues**

Parents raised concern about the amount of new demountables on the school land which leaves less space for the kids for sport and outdoor play. The P&C will inquire about possible options to address this issue to make this site suitable for the students until we move to the new school. Victor Dominello and DEP will be approached regarding this topic.

### **Recycling bottles – Return & Earn**

Currently bottles are disposed at canteen. There are different models offered by the council to make kids more active in recycling. Further inquiries are made with council about space, process, logistics. Ankur to investigate further. ([www.charopy.com.au](http://www.charopy.com.au))

Zoe suggested to inquire about the blue bins provided by

<https://www.scrapmetal.sydney/services/return-and-earn/return-and-earn-account-setup/> – this company offers free delivery with refund returned to school, one off cost of \$59.

### **Cyber safety seminar**

Optus and KPMG provides a Social Program and they can provide a free event on cyber safety. Jenni to talk about details on this opportunity with Ankur.

### **Veggie patch**

Area near the back gate looks a bit worn down. Parents are inquiring if flowers can be planted to make it a bit more appealing.

### **Waste Free Wednesdays**

Parents were complaining about lack of knowledge on this topic. Ankur suggested to give some education on how to make a waste free lunchbox.

### **Assembly**

Can notification be sent out about which class is doing assembly.

### **International Teachers Day**

The P&C is organising a morning tea for teachers in appreciation of their work on a Friday in October, helpers are welcome.

**Meeting closed 9:06pm. Next Meeting: 15 October 2019, 7.30pm**