Connells Point Public School P&C Meeting
Tuesday 18 November 2014

Meeting opened: 7.12pm

Apologies: Ying, Sibila, Susan J, Sue S, Maria

Minutes of last meeting: Amended to reflect apology of Rachel G. Accepted Jacquie, seconded Janet.

Business arising from last meeting

Canteen refurbishment
- Estimator came on 17/11 - anything up to $120k
- Considering building structure, would need to tunnel under concrete slab for plumbing etc
- To serve to playground would require deck to be built, and beam to support enlarged window
- To create more space at the moment - shelving on walls, turn one of the rooms with fridges/freezers into cool room with motors on roof.
- Would also need to go through architect for major renovation.
- Could also remove flyscreen door, and add fold-down bench, and increase size of serving window.

Family portraits
- Won't go ahead as Dave P unavailable

School photos
- Don Wood Photography booked for t1w3.
- Do not want a whole-school photo, but would be nice to get a whole grade photo.

Principals report

Presentation day
- Will have a K-2 presentation day this year
- All K students will get a graduation certificate from their buddies
- Selected students in Stage 1 will get social/improvement/citizenship awards (not academic)
- Will be held at 12.30pm on same day as 3-6 (12 Dec).
- All K parents and invited parents of Stage 1 children receiving awards.

Mathletics
- Is it worthwhile? Most agreed it was, but possibly not for gifted students, as they work through it too fast and lose interest.
Building work
• PA room - doors and awning
• K-2 playground - want to clad GA store and add doors and security windows
• Awaiting quotes for both jobs.

E-news
• Exec meeting with website administrator to streamline communications for next year

Blazers for school representatives
• Good idea - school to hold stock of ~8 blazers in various sizes to be worn by students when representing the school for special occasions (e.g. services in the community, representative public speaking/debating etc)
• Will need to go to school council
• School to cover costs

Mandarin classes
• Toilet next to Mrs Stevenson's classroom to be left open during classes, so 2 toilets available
• Would like to accommodate 2 more classes next year in Mr Cohen's room and the adjoining room
• To stay on Mondays 3.45pm-5.45pm

G&T GERRIC course
• 4 staff attending (incl. Mrs Corben)
• Will start working on G&T program structure Semester 1 and begin program Semester 2.
• Linda enquired re identification process - Mrs Corben said parents would not necessarily be required to provide documentation. But parents would be invited to participate in a focus group.

Carols by Candlelight
• no band/choir

Treasurer's report
• Income continuing to rise
• 20k owing from uniform shop
• Profit = $76K to end Oct
• Income = $238K to Oct
• Looking at efficiency measures to increase profits without charging more to students/parents
• a/c balances see attached
• Looking at getting c/c for purchases (not uniform/canteen as regulations require cheque books) - idea supported by P&C so LK will investigate
• Accepted - Renee, seconded - Rachel

Canteen report
• See attached
• 3 items "may contain traces of nuts" - spring rolls, crackers, muffins - do we remove? Yes, if can be replaced with alternative products. Would like to keep spring rolls if possible as is a vegetarian item
• Breakfast option - not required
• Closing Fri 12/12, opens Wed 28/1
• Confirm placement of smoke detector. Should be in kitchen itself.
• Insurance - still in process (both Welcome BBQ loss, and loss over school holidays) - need to confirm values of loss to determine whether worth claiming (taking excesses into account)

Uniform Shop Report
• see attached
• phase out bag tags
• phase out PSSA bags

Fundraising Report
• school banking finished for year - rep at this week's leapfrogs and parents can open accounts then
• coin challenge - $91 for this term to W4, about $1000 in total. Will finish w9.

Volunteer Report
Nothing to report

General Business
• **FB P&C website** up and running - communicate upcoming events
• **Wine tasting** - profit $232, would like to take in cash.
• **BBQs** installed, workable by 20/11 waiting for benches to be replaced with stainless steel (temporary benches in meantime). Looking into security measures for knobs, covers etc.
• **Carols by Candlelight** - no BBQ but sell drinks; to be set up under COLA
• **Showcase** - raffle 1 ipad
• **CASS** - next year revisit idea of calligraphy, dance classes on top of language classes
• **Newsletter advertising** - would still go up on the website, even if we don't
have paper copies.

- **Air conditioning** - Suggestion by parent to Maria re installation of a/c. Mrs Corben and members said that it has been discussed for many years. The issues include:
  - ongoing running costs (which would be the school's responsibility, as no P&C pays for utilities)
  - expense of upgrading current power supply which at present is not sufficient to run a/c
  - installing the cables etc for the units to be connected - we are paying $70K+ for a new playground, would this be affected by the installation process??
  - a/c in PA room accidentally left on overnight - would need to ensure systems running on timers/turned off when not in use
  - Is it really justifiable to spend a huge amount of money for a handful of hot days in Terms 1 and 4?
  - Maria to source quotes from the a/c installers in the parent body
  - Mrs C suggested a power audit and take it from there.

- List of people wanting to become *school sponsor*, need to confirm contract with McGrath
- **P&C Day 3/3/15** - do we want to do anything to mark the date? Suggested combined morning tea with other local P&Cs
- **Fundraising ideas** - coffee festival, popup cinema, trivia night?
- **Welcome BBQ 2015** - To be held on 12/2
- Consider **P&C sponsorship** of sporting/academic/CAPA scholarships
- **ipad purchases** - netbooks currently half price - so can now purchase 2x as many. Mrs Corben asked if school could put the P&C money towards these, and then purchase the ipads/charging trolley themselves. Proposed Linda, seconded Jacque - passed unanimously.
- **media coordinator and advertising coordinator** positions to be advertised this year for next year's committee

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 16 December 2014, 7-8pm in the staff room. This will be followed by end of year celebratory drinks at Zippo's (Kyle Bay).

**Meeting closed:** 9.24pm