



P&C Meeting Minutes

28 JULY

7.00pm, online event via Zoom

Item 1: Attendance & Apologies

Trish Fisher SCPS, Jenny (4B and 2J), Helen Randall KA and 4B, Marina Alexiou - AP, Betty Thomas Kate Anderson 2J, Jo Coetzee, Rebecka Blacker - KB, 2J, 4C, Ari Pappas Thomas Pappas 1T, Leane Economou (KA & 5/6B), Melissa Bramich KS & 1M, Jodie - 5/6P, 2E, Claire hung 2J & 5/6R, Kate Owen, David Hirsch 4C 3D/C, Liz 2J 5/6H, Mai Zhou (3D and KP), Karen Vajda-Shabtay 3M & 1A, Stephanie Brewer, Damien and Lisa Weston 1A/3M, Ellise Blondin-Andreacchio 3D and 2J, Chantal Cake, Liam O'Carroll 3W, Jackson O'Carroll 1A, Onan Günöz, KB, Emily Grogan - Tilly KB, Brad Mitchell - Aria 2E, Laura Barnes - nina 1A

Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Jenny Connell

Seconded: Helen Randall

Item 3: Reports

- a) Principal – Trish Fisher APPENDIX A
- b) President – Jodie Steele APPENDIX B
- c) Treasurer – Daniel Moore
Report carried over.

Item 3: Events/Fundraising (Jodie)

- a) Regular & Major Events
All events for Term 3 cancelled or postponed. Silver coin challenge and local election BBQ (postponed to 4 December).

Betty - Year 6 Trivia Night postponed for now. Spoken to another parent and team are looking for alternative date in Term 4. Will be dependant on restrictions. Over 140 tix sold, would have been successful and hope it can go ahead in Term 4 to go toward Year 6 Graduation. Wait and see. Looking for date in November.

Fiesta – TBA. Waiting to see.

Item 4: Grants

Carry over.



Item 5: Wish List

Looking at items we can allocate for various grants.

Item 6: Committee update

- a) Uniform Shop (Ellise)
Uniform shop is shut at the moment.
- b) OOSH Update (Claire)
OOSH remains open for families who are essential workers. The main question is around why the gap fees are not being waived. The Govt have not provided any support. OOSH need to maintain services to operate. Trying to get help, taking some time. When they know they can try and pass it on to families. Still have about 50% attendance rate at learning centre. Most staff are FT or PT employees. Cutting costs would be cutting staff which is not ideal. Any support that is provided will be passed on the families. If you are a family who is in financial need please contact Jack or Angela or Claire and they can discuss individual situations.

Item 7: General Business

Trish

Rachel Brito who was Defence teacher has now left the school which is a loss for the school as she was a very positive member of the team. Will try and organise an online goodbye. Trish will be looking for a replacement soon.

Online learning – 4 weeks more of online learning. Staff have some good ideas about how to maintain online learning for this duration. Trish will be asking Parents for some feedback via a survey about what support they can provide for parents at home. Looking for topics for survey to get feedback from Parents.

Ideas for survey questions:

Ask what's working and what's not working.

What can we copy from the Private Schools/Independent Schools.

Trish is President of area school 46 schools, they connect regularly and discuss what each other is doing, look for creative solutions.

Question about who prefers what type of delivery for lessons, video only, printables, worksheet, it varies quite a bit – what works for which parents. Some parents don't have printers.

Feedback – are parents happy with the feedback they are getting from teachers. How much feedback should a teacher give to parents e.g. daily, weekly etc.

Will Parent/Teacher interviews happen by Zoom to replace the in person meeting.

Would like feedback on the kids wellbeing – ensure the kids are happy and doing OK at home.

How much time should kids work each day? Some kids have burnout.

How much time should be allocated for each task e.g. 45 mins etc.

Trish will create survey and send to P&C exec to look at for comment. Trish noted survey won't be long, just relevant questions to inform the Teachers on some improvement ideas.

Learning support team contacting parents to offer support for children to learn onsite.

Betty – timetable is a guide, parents can work out what works for them. Timetables try to cater to everybody for a range of different learning abilities Classroom teacher should be able to



assist parents to tailor timetables. Please talk to class teacher if you need help.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Question about if your child is at school – they are doing the same work at school that they get at home.

Question about if lock down extends what is the Dept looking at for further support, are we looking at what Private Schools are doing? Trish has spoken to other schools including private schools and SCPS is doing a lot. Private Schools have additional funding and have employed more teachers at the school to mind the kids. Also relates to how lessons are structured – after an introduction/instruction the kids then do the work so a teacher being on a zoom while kids are doing the work isn't always efficient.

Next Meeting: 25 August 2021



APPENDIX A – Principal’s Report

Good Evening everyone,

Today's announcement by the NSW Premier has informed us that there will be four more weeks of lockdown and as a result, four more weeks of learning at home.

Does it get an easier? I do know that this is not new for us and if we can continue to follow the NSW Health advice then we can come out the other side in a better place – storms always end.

The school is currently drafting communication to share with you tomorrow with more detail about what is being offered to you and your children at home.

I am also looking at drafting a feedback survey for parents and will ask for your input for topics or questions after this report.

I truly want to express that parents are doing a really great job at home. Your home is not the classroom and we do not expect it to operate in the same way. I would however encourage a daily routine. I also expect a daily routine for our teachers as well. The days and nights can run into each other. I would like to ensure clear communication and eliminate fatigue and argument having a focus on a balance flexible learning space.

Look after yourself – we have the Degrees on how to deal with everything education. Please rest assured that when we return I will be creating supports and additional learning to support your children.

A huge thanks to Jodie and the P & C executive team in encourage a common sense and calm commentary on Facebook and WhatsApp platforms. We truly are in this together.

I wanted to let you know what is happening onsite. As you know the NSW Premier and the NSW DoE has instructed us to have minimal staff and children on school site. We understand at times this can be difficult for parents but greatly appreciate that you are support our entire school community. Our school, more than others, know what it is like for a two-week isolation period; and we certainly do not want this to happen again. We have an average of 14 staff on site each day supervising an average of 60 learners. The teachers on site are providing supervision only, no teaching. They are supporting the children to log on to and access learning through the Google classroom as you are doing.

Anticipated numbers for 2022 were due today and at this stage there will be an issue with class numbers as our Kindergarten expected enrolments are significantly low.

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As you can appreciate there are a number of incursions and excursions that are cancelled for now, some rescheduled to term 4. Camp for Stage 2 & 3 has been cancelled for this year as alternate dates cannot be accommodated. We are looking to keep as much positivity as possible through learning, alternative fun activities for our learners; our teachers are trying to stay in high spirits engaging their stage team activities. We are all doing our very best in challenging times and I can't say how appreciative we have been by the positive emails we have received from families. A kind word really makes a difference. Thank you.



APPENDIX B – President’s Report

Presidents Report – July 28th 2021

- Crazy times – who would’ve thought we’d be here
- I just want to take the time here to thank people who are doing all they can to assist our community at this time.
- Huge thanks to the P&C Exec who have continued to work behind the scenes to ensure things keep kicking along.
- Thanks to Helen Randall who has taken the reins on writing the newsletter and getting it out to you all. This is our fortnightly official piece of comms, so please take the time to read it and if you are a class parent rep, ensure it goes out to your class lists, and via your social groups (WhatsApp/FB). There’s a fabulous, and HUGE list of things to try and help occupy your kids during these lockdown days.
- Also look for Helen’s posts on FB as she is now an admin on the page, delivering messages from the P&C/School as required.
- Another massive thanks to the RCC who not only assisted our school during iso with things to do online, but also helped us get care packages out to some of our families in need. It was an awesome effort by Therese Manns (GM), Gen and their teams at Des Renford and the RCC.
- Big thanks to the amazing business community that surround our school. In case you didn’t see it, Jenny Connell (thank you) created a list of the businesses that offered to deliver and offer deals to our families when we couldn’t leave the house. We’ll put this in our next newsletter as well so all can see. Amazing effort.
- Thanks to Trish, Kate and all the teachers and staff at our super awesome school. It’s not an easy job being a teacher, but we appreciate you all and everything you do. I’ve personally spoken to a number of teachers and staff over the last month or so, and each time the same thing comes back from them. They miss our kids, that time on Zoom each day is their favourite part of the day. Teachers don’t become teachers to sit behind a computer and provide remote feedback. They do it to be in front of the kids, nurturing them, teaching them.
- And finally a thanks to all our super human parents and carers out there. This is tough stuff, but I’m so proud of how we’ve come together, and have supported each other. I’ve never seen so many memes in the FB group, and they lighten my day, and remind me that we’re all in this together. With that said, the P&C Exec plus the greater P&C community are all willing to help anyone in need. PLEASE reach out if you are struggling and we will do all we can to help. That’s what we’re here for, and I mean it from the bottom of my heart.