

WANNIASSA HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

Monday, 17 October 2016

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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| Committee (4): | Marc Dal Cortivo (President), Emma Kate McGuirk (Public Officer), Mac McCann, Jason de Rooy |
| Members (8): | Ellen Laenen, Kylie Charlesworth, Alice Pommer, Georgina Thomsen, Greg Hall, Karen Carmody, Emma Newberry, Meg Ferguson |
| School (2): | John Manders, Kris McCreath |
| Apologies (4): | Craig Maconachie, Rebecca Reilly, Ed Brereton, Alison Maconachie |

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

- Marc opened the meeting, welcomed all members and noted apologies.
- In the absence of Ed, the Secretary, Emma Kate agreed to take minutes.

2. MINUTES

- The minutes from the meeting of 12 September 2016 were accepted, including to be published online.

3. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENT

- **Movie Night:** Mac said the evening had been a success, despite the inclement weather which moved the event into the hall. Around \$1800 was raised from entry and the sale of refreshments.
- **School Fair:** Emma Kate said notes would start to come home about items that should be considered in before the Fair – rides passes, art purchase, cupcake kit purchase, as well as the volunteer form. Kris indicated the new rides provider was doing a site inspection the following week. A Trash and Treasure / books working bee was being held Sunday, 13 November from 10-3. John noted Erindale School would set up a Cambridge info stall.
- **Special lunch day:** Meg indicated there were already over 100 orders placed and there had been a positive response from volunteers.

4. SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL

- **Clothing Pool:** Karen said she would focus on moving the items that weren't selling by trying to get credits and discounting where necessary. Kindy Packs were being prepared for pre-order. A \$200 cheque from Lowes had arrived acknowledging the spend from the school community. The meeting agreed that the focus of the clothing pool should just be logoed and hard to get items (such as dresses) and the standards items that could be purchased at BIG W, KMart and Lowes for competitive prices would

be phased out. This should make the clothing pool simpler and lower the value of stock on hand. Anna Buesnel is organising the Year Six shirts.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Put off until the next meeting

6. FUNDRAISING

- **Election BBQ:** Emma Kate said the BBQ went well. There were fewer voters than at the ACT Election, but the profit looked like it would be around \$1,400, which was still a good effort.
- **Bunnings BBQ:** Emma Kate said the planning was on track, the main focus would be getting volunteers.
- **Applewild Fundraiser:** Alice indicated the mini-sessions events of several weekends had raised \$600.

7. BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

- Mac reported the school had come first in the Grill'd Woden monthly community fundraiser, which raised \$300 for the school. *Action: Kris to produce certificate for Grill'd.*

8. PRINCIPAL'S and SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORTS

- **School Events:** John noted the recent successful events – Grandparents Day, the Movie Night and Election BBQ and thanked everyone for their support.
- **School Reports:** will be available Friday of Week 8. There will not be formal parent/teacher nights, but there will be opportunities to talk to the teachers if you wish. Forms will also shortly come home about choice of classes for 2017 – student, parents and teachers will be asked for their thoughts. New classes will be advised with school reports.
- **Market Day:** The Year 6s would be running a market day for which they are preparing business plans.
- **Swim School:** starts soon for children in K-3
- **PIPS testing:** Kindergarten would shortly go through reading and maths testing which would demonstrate the growth of the cohort and individuals and provide a baseline for the school. It is not as intense as NAPLAN and is undertaken one-on-one with students and the teacher.
- **Staffing Changes:** John discussed some staff movements.
- **2017 Book Purchases:** John said the Directorate had said all procurement run by schools had to go through a central provider. The meeting discussed the less-than-satisfactory outcome when a large provider was used before and how positive everyone found using Chalk. The meeting moved: *Books orders for 2017 will be made under the auspices of the P&C, with Chalk as the provider. Moved Jason de Rooy, seconded Emma Kate McGuirk*
- **2017 Classes:** John indicated there should be 3 Kindy and Year one classes for next year, with two classes for all other levels. The school was closed to out of area, unless there was already a sibling at the school. Preschool is full and an info session will be held (November. A Kindy info session is being held on 23 November.

- **Walkathon:** has raised around \$9,500. , earning the students a disco, movie afternoon and water play day.
- **Pre-School:** has been successful with funding for minor refurbishment.
- **School Wireless:** has been upgraded with significant increase in speed.
- **Volunteer Thank You:** John noted the school would be holding a morning tea on 30 November to thank parents who volunteer at the school.

9. OPEN MIC

- Greg commented preparation for the Year Book was going well and John indicated the teachers were on track with their two page spreads for each year group.
- The need to advertise the P&C Facebook Page more broadly was discussed. *Action: John to put it in newsletter.*
- There was a discussion about the process that would be used in the event new programs, such as Safe Schools, be introduced into the school. John assured the P&C that should anything like this be considered, parents will be fully consulted prior to any introduction. There are no plans at the moment for any particular programs to be introduced into the school.

10. P&C COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- Next meeting was to be 25 October. Marc would not be able to attend.

11. FORWARD SCHEDULE

- The next meeting would be 14 November, at which time the need for a further meeting and decision about a Christmas Dinner would be made.
- The Staff breakfast would be held 15 December.

- The meeting closed at 8:05pm.