

WANNIASSA HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING

Monday, 25 July 2016

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Committee (6):	Rebecca Reilly (Vice President), Ed Brereton (Secretary), Craig Maconachie (Treasurer), Emma Kate McGuirk (Public Officer), Mac McCann, Jason de Rooy.
Members (5):	Alice Pommer, Ellen Laenen, Georgina Thomsen, Karen Carmody, Kylie Charlesworth.
School (1):	John Manders.
Apologies (5):	Marc Dal Cortivo, Meg Ferguson, Deb Putt, Vicki Gwilliam, Alison Maconachie.

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

- In the absence of Marc and Rebecca (who subsequently arrived) Ed opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of country, welcomed all members and noted apologies.

2. MINUTES

- Ed thanked Mac for her pick-up of a typo in the minutes of the meeting of 20 June. With that amendment, the minutes were accepted (including to be published online).

3. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENT

- **School Fair:** Emma Kate tabled a report on behalf of the Fair sub-committee. The committee agreed to the sub-committee's recommendations that:
 - a) A budget of up to \$2 200 for raffle prizes (\$1 500 cash for first prize and \$700 on other prizes), \$500 be spent on the raffle permit and printing
 - b) A budget of \$300 each for the chocolate trailer and tombola
 - c) Purchase of art materials for the art show as requested by staff, with costs to be covered by art sales of \$5/piece
 - d) A budget of \$600 to cover the pony ride deposit (50% of the fee), noting two providers were being considered
 - e) \$100 for slushie machine hire from a local community group, plus a budget of up to \$150 for consumables.

Emma Kate noted the raffle tickets will be sold at the election BBQ and that the next meeting of the sub-committee would be held on Tuesday, 6 Sep (the week before the next P&C meeting). The committee also agreed to a bake stall for the fair.

4. SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL

- **Canteen Grant:** Ed noted Marc's work in acquitting the grant from the P&C Council and the receipts provided for purchases (consistent with decisions at previous meetings).
- **Clothing Pool:** Karen tabled a stocktake report showing a stock level of \$32 962 and noted she had a report of the stock sold over the previous 12 months. Karen has culled second hand stock, including donating stock with no logo to the St Vincent de Paul Society and throwing out the stock with logo. There have been no complaints about the change to open on Thursdays instead of Fridays.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Craig's spoke to his report, noting the balance of the main account was \$26 126.29. The payment to the family of Mick Higgins was outstanding because GoFundMe only accepts credit card. Emma Kate will make the payment and Craig will reimburse.

6. FUNDRAISING

- **Federal election BBQ:** Emma Kate spoke to a paper she tabled. The BBQ and cake stall raised \$1 888 from turnover of \$2 536. The cake stall was very well received. The ACT election on 15 October presents a similar opportunity and the committee agreed to a BBQ and bake stall for that event. Costs will be greater for the ACT election event because of the need to restock consumables.
- **Bunnings BBQ:** confirmed for Saturday, 29 Oct.
- **Trivia Night:** Emma Kate said preparations for the the Trivia Night were on track.
- **Special lunch days:** None planned at present without volunteers to help Ali. The school will hold a few red food days during term 3.
- **Father's Day stall:** Ellen and Georgina said the stall is on track for 31 Aug and 1 Sep. They have enough product and wrapping, with over 1 000 items. They will be reimbursed for expenses after the event.

7. BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

- Mac reported The Athlete's Foot agreement was finalised, advice will continue in the newsletter, and they will be coming to the school on 25 Oct to run a session on shoelace tying for kindy and year 1.

8. PRINCIPAL & SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS

- Works have been completed in the Environment Centre and it looks good. The area is able to be used more and the planting area has increased by about two thirds. John again gave thanks to the P&C for the enabling financial support to this project.

- There is a new bookcase near the library to reinvigorate the school's trophy and display cabinet. This will be used during book week to display shortlisted titles.
- Kylie Jess is working temporarily at Wanniassa School. Anne O'Hara is standing in for Kylie and is doing a good job.
- The walkathon is on the horizon and will feature a mini olympics theme.
- Science week and book week will be on in weeks 5 and 6. There will be a science competition with the display of entries in the hall and announcement of winners combined with book night and the regular Scholastic book fair.
- Sourcing relief teachers continues to be challenging, both financially and to find the teachers. Sometimes there may be a need to make classroom adjustments on the day to cover. The school recognises there will occasionally be less than perfect outcomes but there are also some opportunities in buddying students up. Teachers are establishing set activities for their classes in case they are split (e.g. using Google Chromebooks).
- The school is negotiating with Erindale College to use their French teacher do offer K-2 French, supplementing the school's existing yr 3-6 approach. French is offered because that where teachers have skills; there is a shortage of teachers skilled in Asian languages.

9. OPEN MIC

- Karen indicated some pre-school parents were keen to spend the funds raised from t-shirts and plates on items for the pre-school. John will speak to the pre-school teachers about their priorities. The committee agreed it needed to improve its communication strategies with pre-school parents.
- Ellen tabled a list of events from ourcommunity.com.au and the group discussed Nude Food Day in October, Ride2School Day and Clean Up School Day in March. The group agreed to pursue a breakfast on Ride2School Day and to seek support from other organisations. It was noted that there are plans to build a learn-to-ride park in Tuggeranong.
- There was a query about where John's photo was on the wall of principal photos -- its absence had been missed by those in the queue to vote in the Federal Election.
- The Cool Little Kids program was mentioned as a good resource for parents of children aged 3-8 to help them learn strategies to assist their children with anxiety. John understands the Tuggeranong Family Centre offers these workshops based on demand. The school is booked in with the Tuggeranong Family Centre in 2017 to run Cool Kids workshops, aimed at children 8-12 to teach them better ways to manage anxiety. This is part of the school's efforts to build resilience and positive behaviours for learning.

10. P&C COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- Ed noted the P&C Council activities.

11. FORWARD SCHEDULE

- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 12 Sep.