

WANNIASSA HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

General Meeting - Monday, 20 March 2017

Attendance and Apologies

Committee (6):	Marc Dal Cortivo (President), Mac McCann (Vice President), Jason de Rooy (Secretary), Scott Emerson (incoming Treasurer), Emma Kate McGuirk (Public Officer), Rebecca Reilly.
Members (12):	Alice Pommer, Ellen Laenen, Karen Carmody, Kylie Charlesworth, Sarah Manning, Jill Hayes, Kylie Charlesworth, Tamara Haitzma, Justine Bourke, Emma Newbery, Tim Trelloggen, Danielle Trelloggen.
School (1):	John Manders.
Apologies (1):	Anna Buesnel.

1. 2. 3. Welcome, Apologies and Minutes of Previous Meetings

- Marc opened the meeting at 7.05pm and welcomed all members, noting an apology from Anna.
- The draft minutes from the November 2016 General Meeting were accepted as final.
Action: **Jason** to arrange publication on school website.
- The draft minutes from the February 2016 AGM were reviewed.

4. Appointment of Treasurer and Treasurer's Report

- Marc introduced Scott and Jason proposed the Committee appoint Scott as Treasurer, seconded by Alice. The motion was passed by consensus. Marc noted that the update to signatories to the accounts, agreed at the February 2017 AGM, had yet to be actioned.
Action: **Scott, Marc and Mac** to update signatories before next meeting.
- Marc noted the receipt of the 2016 Report from outgoing Treasurer Craig Maconachie. The meeting discussed and viewed the association as in good financial shape. The balance of the main account was \$47,038 on 20 March. Marc reported that the audit had been completed and no concerns raised – we are waiting for the written report which would then be published and submitted to the ACT Government.
Action: **Marc and Scott** to discuss possible typo with Craig, and arrange correction before next meeting.

5. Community Activities and Engagement

- The **School Fair 2017** discussions and actions to date were summarised, and noting the limited availability of a suitable ride provider, the P&C agreed to hold the 2017 Fair on Sunday 19 November (Week 6 Term 4). The P&C agreed to determine the feasibility of booking rides for October 2018. The Fair Subcommittee would seek to form ahead of the next meeting.
Action: **Emma-Kate and John** to finalise 2017 rides booking asap.
- The **School Disco** DJ has been booked for Friday 2 June (Week 6 Term 2) and Friday 1 September (Week 7 Term 3).
- The **Ride to School** on 17 March was a success, and sponsors and volunteers were recognised. The P&C agreed a similar event early in Term 4 2017 would be desirable.
- The **Murder Mystery Night** scheduled for 24 March is looking good with strong interest.

- The **Mother's Day Stall** is on track for Week 3 Term 2, with key items ordered.
- An **Easter Egg Hunt**, sponsored by McCann Real Estate, would be held at the school on Thursday 6 April (Week 10, Term 1).
- Two **School Activities** were discussed. John invited feedback on a suggestion to make use of 'colour run' materials for the 2017 Walkathon, and the P&C was supportive. John also noted that given a busy current calendar, Harmony Day would be celebrated later in the year.

6. Services to the School

- Karen updated on the **Clothing Pool**, noting that a special second hand sale on the Junior side moved considerable stock. Karen also noted that the bag which had served the school for thirteen years would be discontinued, and the P&C got a look at the new bag. Karen also flagged the future availability of a new school dress.
- Karen invited suggestions on a suitable platform that would allow parents to pay online and then pick up clothing at the school.
- John noted the School's need to develop a **Uniform Policy** during 2017 and the P&C discussed some of the issues that may address, including origins of the yellow/blue and the Year 6 shirt.

7. Fundraising Activities and Spending Priorities 2017 Discussion

- John and Alice presented the visit to examine the new **playground landscaping** under way at Majura Primary School, prompting a lengthy brainstorm the School's goal to improve its own landscaping to enhance free play opportunities during 2017. John outlined a vision of adding:
 - an amphitheatre area and plantings to the 'top' of the Junior side,
 - a dry creek bed and plantings to the 'top' of the Senior side, and
 - the addition of a dry clay 'BMX track' to the lower side of the school.
- John invited the P&C to add funding and volunteer labour to the effort. The P&C was broadly supportive of the concepts and invited the School to consult with the community going forward.

8. Principal and School Board Report

- John noted that the recent **Swimming Carnival** continued to build on the previous year's success – while safety policy requires the event be optional, we are seeing increasing levels of participation. The recent **Water Play Day** was also well received by the students. Announcement of the outcome of the School Board election was awaiting approval by the Education Directorate.
- Looking forward, John noted that the **Athletics Carnival** will involve all students on Wednesday 5 April (Week 10 Term 1). WHPS would be adopting a new standardised form of **student report cards** for the end of Semester 1. And 26 students had expressed interest in studying **French after school** – John was working out details with Alliance Francais for a Term 2 start.
- On questioning, John anticipated that **pre-school enrolments** would open in May.

9. Other Business and Open Mic

- Nil – we managed to cover everything elsewhere in the agenda.

10. Next Meeting

- The P&C confirmed its next meeting would be on **Monday, 1 May** (Week 2, Term 2).