

Minutes of the Anzac Park Public School P&C Meeting
APPS Staffroom
Tuesday 12 September 2023, 7pm

ATTENDANCE:	Hema Wadhwa (HW) (<i>President</i>) Evelyn de Moraes (EdM) (<i>Vice President</i>) Elissa (Lee) Auzins (LA) (<i>Vice President</i>) Ian Hindley (IH) (<i>Treasurer</i>) Louise Griffiths (<i>Secretary</i>)	Executive Team
	Nicole Creeaune (<i>Tunnels Coordinator</i>) Alex Peutherer (AP) (<i>Grants Coordinator</i>) Kate Piper (<i>Class Parent Coordinator</i>) Kika Keren Inbar (<i>Canteen Coordinator</i>)	P&C Subcommittee members
	Unity Taylor-Hill (UTH) (<i>School Principal</i>) Amy Sackville (<i>Deputy Principal</i>) Erin Coil (<i>Teacher</i>)	APPS Representatives
APOLOGIES:	Eleni Endt (<i>Social/Fundraising Coordinator</i>) Alex Peutherer (AP) (<i>Grants Coordinator</i>)	

There were approximately 6 additional parents/carers in attendance.

1. Apologies	Apologies were received from Ms Eleni Endt and Ms Alex Peutherer.
2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of the P&C meeting held on Tuesday 13 June 2023 were accepted as a true record.
3. Correspondence In/Out	<p>HW addressed this item.</p> <p>Inclusion and Diversity P&C Subcommittee</p> <p>An executive member of the P&C from North Sydney Demonstration Public School (NSDPS) has contacted APPS about Inclusive Education. NSDPC has set up a sub-committee on Inclusion and Diversity which works with the school and community to ensure that all children from the community are</p>

	<p>included and able to participate fully in school life. The sub-committee works with inclusion challenges around neuro-diversity, disability, socio economic disadvantage, refugee status, gender ID. NSDPP would like to network with APPS to share ideas.</p> <p>Similarly, Cammeray Public School are also establishing a network/working group on this topic and have met with their school executive to understand their approach and processes with regard to learning support, funding and addressing these complex issues.</p> <p>HW advised that APPS would reach out to the APPS school community to understand if there is any interest/benefit to establishing a Diversity and Inclusion sub-committee at APPS and discussing what the objectives of such a sub-committee might be.</p> <p>APPS P&C will also meet/contact NSDPP and Cammeray PS.</p>
4. President's Update (15 mins)	<p>HW addressed this item.</p> <p>On behalf of the P&C and School Community, HW conveyed our condolences and offered support to UTH at this difficult time.</p> <p>Confirmation of P&C Incorporation: The P&C became an incorporated body on 16 June 2023.</p> <p>P&C will explore with the school the option of holding P&C meetings online as well as in person.</p> <p>P&C Road Safety Representative: IH raised the issue of road safety around the school. IH advised that he sought feedback from the school community as to concerns with road safety around the school and received several differing concerns, particularly the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic changes related to the tunnels work will further increase traffic in and around the school. 2. Rosalind St East at Miller Street – dangerous crossing as it is unmarked and children often cross in small gaps between queued cars. The junction also has multiple exit/entry points from different directions. 3. Pedestrian crossing at corner of Miller and Ernest Street – island is too small. 4. Lytton Street crossing across Ernest Street. Island is too small and cars travel at speed along Ernest Street.

	<p>5. Crossing West Street when exiting Thomas Rest Park – island is too small.</p> <p>IH has raised these issues with the local Council, but Council have requested that Unity raise these issues with them as they are not accepting/investigating road traffic concerns raised by the public.</p> <p>Unity confirmed that these issues have been previously raised with the local Council's Road Safety Committee and requested that IH provide a summary of the community's concerns so that this can be raised again.</p> <p>It was also suggested that Tim James MP be contacted on these issues to support the cause.</p> <p>2024 P&C Executives/Non-Executive Roles: HW advised that the P&C are currently seeking support from the school community to join the P&C in 2024 given the number of departing P&C members next year.</p> <p>It was proposed that P&C provide a presentation to 2024 kindy parents at the school open evening in October and that some members of the P&C also attend the Class Parents forum with Ms Sackville to gather support from current parents/carers.</p> <p>UTH suggested moving the AGM to November each year so that P&C elections align with the calendar year. Discussion ensued around how to do this, noting concerns with the current financial year and the possibility that this would also need to be changed.</p> <p>P&C supported the approach to move the AGM to November and agreed to investigate if this is possible and the steps to doing so, noting a possible change to the financial year and requirement to provide audited financial statements at the AGM.</p>
<p>5. Principal's Update</p>	<p>UTH addressed this item.</p> <p>UTH thanked Ms Sackville and Mr Hart for their support during this difficult time and acknowledged the support/personal messages that she had received from the parent community.</p> <p>UTH advised that she will be taking extended in November of term 4, returning for the start of the school year in 2024.</p> <p>New Syllabuses in English and Maths: Will become mandatory, following the trials of the new syllabuses in Yrs K-2 with expectations and learning programs changing. The teaching staff</p>

	<p>are across the scope and sequence changes to accommodate the new syllabuses.</p> <p>Climbing Wall: Construction is soon to commence, and it is hoped that the climbing wall will be completed in December.</p> <p>Additional Support Class: Approval has been granted to form an additional support class and the school will now qualify for a third Learning Support Officer whom they hope to have in place by the end of Term 4.</p> <p>Native Beehive: Kerry Ann James and others have been successful in gaining a grant for a native beehive on the school's premises, planting will be changed to accommodate the bees.</p> <p>School Staffing for 2024: has commenced. A permanent teacher on paternity leave has relinquished his position and so the school will look to replace that teacher. A General Assistant position remains vacant and has been readvertised once again.</p> <p>Temporary to Permanent: Under the DoE Staffing Agreement, two temporary Learning and Support officers have moved into permanent roles.</p> <p>Student Led Conferences: have commenced this week.</p> <p>Kindy 2024 Transition Program: is underway starting with a playgroup on 13 September.</p> <p>Community Squad: will be holding a Yr 6 charity fun day at the end of term and raising money for selected charities.</p> <p>RUOK: children encouraged to support the cause through a gold coin donation and wearing a splash of yellow.</p> <p>Senior Choir: will be performing at the Opera House on 20 September.</p>
6. Treasurer's Update	<p>IH addressed this item.</p> <p>IH referred to the Financial Report covering the year to 10 September 2023.</p> <p>Father's Day breakfast raised a net profit of \$1,077. Trivia Night revenue to date of \$1,349 with further potential revenue and costs to come. Second-hand uniform sales generated revenue of \$1,334 and Envirobank generated \$657. Expenses since last</p>

	<p>meeting included the annual insurance premium of \$675. Total income sits at \$217,254 with \$144k held in the Long-Term Projects Account and \$73,254 in the Current Account.</p> <p>Interest Bearing Account Proposal: IH recommended moving the Long-Term Projects (LTP) account balance to a Term Deposit or Savings Account with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) to maximise its value as this would generate interest income that is not currently being earned.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was RESOLVED THAT approval be given for IH to set up and transfer the LTP account balance to either a CBA Term Deposit or Savings Account, dependent upon the most favourable terms and conditions.</p> <p>ACTION: IH to confirm the chosen CBA account at the next P&C meeting.</p> <p>Approval to use P&C email address (or alternative identifier) for PAYID: IH sought approval to use the P&C email address or alternative identifier to set up PAYID as an alternative means to receive fast payments when running fundraising events.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED THAT approval be given for the P&C email address or alternative identifier be used to setup PAYID with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.</p> <p>Approval to set up Smart Mini EFTPOS Terminal: IH sought approval to set up a Smart Mini EFTPOS Terminal through Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), the benefits of which include taking payments quickly and securely at P&C fundraising events as well as providing convenience to our community.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED THAT approval be given for IH to arrange the set-up of the Smart Mini EFTPOS terminal with CBA.</p> <p>A question was raised about the opportunity for tax deductibility for school voluntary contribution.</p> <p>ACTION: IH will look into this and provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
7. Areas of general business:	<p>TeamKids Update: LG provided this update as Teamkids were not in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>Events this Term included a Games Night involving Trivia, Bingo and Jeopardy.</p> <p>The end of term party is outer space themed and will be held on Thursday 21 September.</p>

There are 3 excursions planned for Vacation Care including Komomurri – Outback Discovery, a trip to the movies and an excursion to a Koala Park.

There are 2 extra-curricular opportunities that families can enrol into at an additional cost next term being Lego Robotics and Chess.

Fathers Day Brekkie: Organised by Kate Piper, the event was a huge success with volunteers from Year 2.

Trivia Night 2 November: Another success with the 52 tickets selling out in 2 hours and a few on a waitlist. Eleni Endt has procured some amazing prizes for a raffle to raise more money on the night and is encouraged to continue with events such as these given the demand from the community.

Parents also raised the idea of another colour run next year, given the amount of left-over colour powder etc and the possibility of pairing this with a culturally appropriate festival.

Grants: The school was successful in securing a Sustainable Schools grant and there is the potential to apply in November for the Infrastructure Playgrounds grant although this grant appears to be targeted at regional areas.

Tunnels Update: Nicole Creenaune advised that CPB Downer will be handing over the site to Acciona. TfNSW would like to attend a P&C Meeting to talk about the works and develop the relationship with the school. If the meeting is to go ahead, TfNSW would appreciate that questions from our school community be provided in advance of the next meeting.

ACTION: An invitation in the school newsletter will be sent out to parents/carers to send in questions and Nicole will find a suitable date with the school to meet.

A review into air quality has been requested by the Minister and APPS supports this as well as implementing filtration in the stacks.

Sue Wright, Community Coordinator for the community garden in Anzac Park has witnessed school children climbing on the tables and fences and raised concern for their safety.

ACTION: A notice in the newsletter will go out reminding children as to expected standards of behaviour whilst using the park.

Excursion Buses & safety issues: This item was not addressed during the meeting.

EOY Staff Celebration: It was agreed that as in previous years, parents/carers will be asked to group together (rather than individual parent gifts) and contribute to an end of year staff Christmas Party.

ACTION: LA will provide a link to the school community in the coming days with follow-up reminders.

8. Meeting
Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.28pm.

Ms Sackville and Ms Coil led a presentation on Restorative Practices following the meeting.