



## Anzac Park Public School P&C Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at 7pm Meeting Minutes

- Meeting opened:** Flynn McDermott opened the APPS Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 in the Staff Room.
- In attendance:** Atul Pandey, Elena Badcock, Lee Dor, Vermon Song, Martin Caldwell, Amanda Chamberlin, Paula Saunders, Anna Lamb, Keith Tan, Mary O'Neill, Marco Stazi, Leisa Swinney, Kim Huggoa, Elissa Auzins, Leah Allen, Vicki Lambert, Unity Taylor Hill, Russell Rigby, Mike Songs, Jenny Phillipson, Belinda Daley, Natashar Huxsiner, Carmen Tate, Alison Taylor, Victoria Hoch, Briony Geekie, Archick Bushan, Moneka Gonzalez, Christina Bje, Liz McLaughlin, Blair McKechnie, Dan Egbert, Rhys Williams, Vee Moser, Carlos Crowley, Daneil Murphy, Flynn McDermott
- Apologies:** Wes Shaw, Grant Kepler
- Minutes from:** Flynn McDermott accepted the minutes from 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017
- Correspondence In/Out:** N/a
- President's Report:**  
(Russell Rigby)
1. The P&C really appreciate the involvement and contribution from the parent community.
  2. With regards to traffic at the school we are still working on solutions. We are in continual discussions with the RMS and North Sydney Council. The best solution is to walk to school.
  3. Parking – Kiss and Drop is working quite well in the morning. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the Kiss and drop, even if only one morning a month.
  4. Executive and non-executive roles are up for nomination Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
- Principal's Report:**  
(Mrs Unity Taylor-Hill)
1. Fantastic start to the 2018 school year. The meet the teacher evening went very well. We were very impressed with how well the teaching staff prepared for the evening and hopefully opened the door for positive communications with each child's teacher.
  2. Currently 560 children enrolled for 2018 and we are continuing to see growth. We have capacity for 1000+ children of which we are on track to reach these volumes within 5 years.
  3. Parking and Traffic around the school:
    - a. Unfortunately, we do not have a lot of control over. We need to work as a community to come up with systems to keep our children safe.
    - b. Grant Kepler has done an amazing job on managing all correspondence and North Sydney Council with regards to the Active School Program.
    - c. Grant attended the NS Traffic Council last Friday with the Traffic Committee meeting. They are looking at the next school holidays to raise the crossing in front of the school in order to slow down the traffic.
    - d. We are continuing to lobby our local member in order to put a school zone on Ernest Street.
    - e. We need to prioritise child safety over convenience as a community.
  4. We currently have 24 mainstream classes. 2 classes working with children with disabilities.
  5. North Sydney has been identified as a hotspot for Before and After School Care. Unity is meeting with the Dept of Education to discuss. Growth in the zone is currently one of the largest on the North Shore. She is discussing alternate after school care with outside providers such as golf and tennis. Jigsaw is almost at Capacity.
  6. We have appointed a large number of temp and perm staff in 2018. Of which they have all been involved in 3 induction days and professional learning has been a priority for our staff.
  7. The Miller Street Gate is now open of a morning.
  8. Nathan is now full time in a position.
  9. We are advertising for the position of a Deputy Principal this year.
  10. Currently finalising the school plan with the vision, and have received great input from the community.

11. Continuation of the STEAM program.
12. Will be sending out details on the Extra Circular programs such as dance, sports teams and debating hopefully this week.

**Treasurers Report:**  
(Mike Song)

1. As at 31 Dec, 2017. Currently have \$64k Cash at Bank.
2. Voluntary Contributions for 2017 were \$66k.
3. 97% of families paid the Parent contribution in 2017
4. \$81k income and \$21k payments in donations and expenses.
5. All accounts are available and visible to anyone that wishes to review.

**General Matters:**

- **Forthcoming events:**
  - a. **Welcome BBQ – 23/02** - Use Trybooking for the event. The link will be sent out via email in order for parents to pay in advance and receive their tickets. It is an honesty system. Cleaning up is important and we appreciate the assistance of any parent volunteers.
  - b. **2018 Events** - We will publish the event for the current calendar that has been proposed.
  - c. This year (in May) we will trial hosting an International Family Day, replacing separate Mother's and Father's day events.
- **Shade Update (Wes Shaw)** - Our Govt grant has been approved for \$36k for the shade structure. We still need our plans to go through the Dept of Education's Asset team and process, of which we are currently awaiting. The shade structures are for the upper terrace and arbour.
- **Smokestacks/Tunnel (Alison Taylor)** - Scoping documents have been put out by the RMS. Environmental impact statement expected in the next couple of months in alignment to the studies that they are required to do. The scope is essentially two tunnels, the Western Harbour Tunnel & the Northern Beaches Tunnel – a combined 43kms of pollutant road. Local member is Gladys B – Some people have been writing letters. We are encouraging people to write letters and petition the govt. The P&C Position is to push for filtration.
- **Jigsaw Update (Silke Kelly)** – Currently the main issue is capacity. There is a criteria in terms of how the waitlist works and Jigsaw also needs to follow the Govt guidelines around prioritisation.
- **Active Transport Programme (Grant Kepler/Troy Redwood)** – Currently mapping where the children live and then need to add the stickers along the best and safest routes.
- **Class Lists (Victoria Hoch)** - We currently have 430 parents email details registered for the 560 children.
- **Crunch and Sip** is only fruit and vegetables. Currently there is not a policy of what should be included in the lunchbox, however the preference is obviously healthy lunches. Advice and suggestions will be sent out in the next Newsletter.
- **Out of area enrolments** - We do accept siblings from out of area. The P&C president will be involved in considering out of area applications and we will set up an 'Out of Area' Panel next year.
- Require parents for the parent recruitment panel. Required to do an online course.
- **Re-elections of P&C Presidents in 2018** - Being held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. Require a gold coin donation to vote. A formal notification has been sent out. People can only hold their positions for a period of two years. If anyone is interested in holding any of the P&C executive positions, please speak to Jenny, Flynn, Russell or Unity. Two people taking on any role within the P&C can be a fantastic way of managing the workload.

Contact to the P&C at [info@appspandc.org.au](mailto:info@appspandc.org.au) or via the Konnective App

Meeting Closed at 8:11pm