

Minutes of the Anzac Park Public School P&C General Meeting APPS Staffroom + Zoom (recording available here) Tuesday 9 April 2024, 7pm

ATTENDANCE	Fitting (Line) A. Chin	(1.4.)	Described.	E
ATTENDANCE:	Elissa (Lee) Auzins		President	Executive
	Evelyn de Moraes	-) President	Members
	Erin Byrne	(EB)	Vice-President	
	Stephen Edwards	(SE)	Secretary _	
	Erin Coyle	(EC)	Treasurer	
	Corey Googh	(CG)	D&I	Non-Executive
	Lauren Dalla	(LD)	Safety & Traffic	members
	Nicole Creenaune		Tunnels	
	Adrian Steward	(AS)	Safety & Traffic	
	Kate Piper	(BH)	Class Parents	
	Alys Holz	(AH)	Social / Fundraising	
	Jessica Peachey	(JP)	Secretary	
	Jill Waller	(JC)	Tunnels & Safety & Traffic	
	Unity Taylor-Hill	(UTH)	Principal	APPS
	Lily Clowry		Assistant Principal	Representatives
	Rachel Deane		Assistant Principal	
	In the staff room:			Parents /
	Tanya Sido, Luke Russell			Members
	Online:			
	Manoharini Gandh			
	Chren Byng, Bixia X			
	Iryna Prokopenko,			
	Carol Su, Margueri			
	Emamian, Justin W			
	Shimada, Guocong			
	Victor Pang, Kate N			
	Dave D, Hiro, Leah, Justine, Kristie, Luis, JN, JW			
APOLOGIES:	Iris Eustice	(IE)	Second Hand Uniforms	
	Eleni Endt	(EE)	Vice-President	
	Rebecca Wardrop	(RW)	Auditor	
	Ben Hoch	(BH)	Class Parents	
	Gemma Ash	(GA)	Social / Fundraising	

P&C General Meeting Opened at 7.03 pm

1. APOLOGIES/	Apologies were received as per the list above. EdM opened the general meeting		
OPEN	by welcoming parents.		
2. TEAM KIDS (TK) UPDATE	Lisa Garipian and team provided a verbal update covering: • The sign in desk has been moved given issues with the weather and the construction of the climbing wall • Recent activities undertaken (e.g. teddy bear picnic, neon dance party, pyjama party, mad hatters tea party) • Classes for vacation care (chess club, lego, art and design, coding classes) • Team Kids' support for the upcoming mothers day activity next term (Team Kids will provide the coffee cart) • Vacation care starting next week, include movies day, soccer excursion with Sydney FC, science activities, etc. A query was raised related to Soccer Joeys and how it interacts with Team Kids. It was clarified that Soccer Joeys is not provided directly by Team Kids, and there is a gap between school ending and the program beginning (3.00 - 3.30pm). As such, children will need to be enrolled in Team Kids for the duration of any time outside the program start and end that care is needed.		
3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March 2024 were accepted as a true record.		
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	Actions and updates were included in the agenda. There is one remaining P&C role left vacant: Canteen Co-ordinator. Unity noted that this person would engage with the canteen quarterly, providing a parent voice in terms of menu items, payment procedures, the interaction with sport, etc. It is expected to be half an hour a term to co-ordinate with the canteen. No nominations were received for the role. Parents are encouraged to email the P&C (anzacparkpandc@gmail.com) or speak to a member if they have interest. [Action] P&C to advertise the Canteen Co-ordinator role again on facebook and via class parents.		
5. CORRESPONDEN CE IN/OUT	Nil		
6. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE	EdM gave an update: • The P&C have outlined goals for 2024 and are progressing on these		

- The Roads and Safety committee provided communications to the community regarding 'Kiss and Drop' zone rules, and have continued working on safety matters around the school (update later in meeting)
- Class Parents hosted an onboarding breakfast this week, and have been working on an onboarding guideline document to assist class parents.

7. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

UTH gave an update, covering:

- Introduction of Lily Clowry and Rachel Deane; assistant principals that provided a presentation on D&I during the meeting
- A reminder that the school has organised a speaker for term 2: Kirsty Lush (Real Schools) to talk about restorative pathways work. She will be presenting to teachers, and will make an appearance at the next P&C meeting
- Anzac Day assembly will be on Friday 12th April 12:30pm. Parents are welcome. Unity noted the special connection with the school and Anzac Park memorial..
- APPS's partnership with Wilcannia Central School continues this year. Teachers and UTH will visit the school in Terms 2, 3, and 4.
- There are delays in the construction of the climbing wall, mainly due to changes/variations made in the contract. The project is managed by a branch of the department of education, but the school has been informed that work is set to recommence with a different sub-contractor finishing the work and cleaning up.
- The school is without a general assistant currently. Nathan (former GA)
 has been promoted to asset service officer within the department. The
 school wish him well and will miss him. The school is looking for a
 replacement to hopefully start at the beginning of Term 2, and until
 them may "... not be as sparkling as it usually is."
- Term 2 will see Mountain Top, Assessment and Reporting, and the usual staff development day. For term 2, teachers from Cammeraygal schools will partner and focus on curriculum reform.
- Pockley were confirmed as the winner of the Term 1 mufti day by a total
 of 13 tokens. As a result, Pockley members can wear red for mufti day to
 celebrate their win. Members of other houses will need to remain in
 school uniform, albeit this will result in them also wearing red.

Rachel Deane and Lily Crowly presented on inclusion and diversity. The full presentation can be viewed here:

https://au01web.zoom.us/rec/share/I3h8ZFz9VrHjMA_Pct5mOb3cDyrD2v9TPi_xZEoMgGPL1hUGWlbUd5hldLMiKLol.KePHsQX6d_sfgezz

(skip to 19:20 for the presentation, which runs for approx. 17 minutes)

8. TREASURER'S UPDATE

EC provided an update:

The Treasurer's Report covers the period from the last meeting to 8th April 2024. Since the last report (to 7 March 2024) we have received \$4,690 in Second Hand Uniform sales generated from the sale on 5 April. We paid for our Xero monthly subscription \$32. Our net cash balance increased by \$4,658 to \$243,686.68.

It was noted that no envirobank revenue has been received.

[Action] 2 x envirobank rounds but no income; Erin C to investigate

ACNC Update

The P&C have been advised by the officer reviewing our application that we should receive a response in the next three weeks. If confirmed, this would provide charity status for the P&C which will assist in future grant applications.

Following this, an application can be made for the P&C to collect tax deductible donations for specific items - most notably air conditioning expenses. Work will commence on this once ACNC status is confirmed.

[Action] Erin C to start determining the annual voluntary contribution to request from parents in Term 2.

9. ROAD SAFETY UPDATES

NC and LD provided the update for the Roads, Safety, and Tunnels (RTS) sub-committees:

- UTH forwarded a letter written by the Roads Safety committee to North Sydney Council outlining a number of safety concerns on roads near the school.
- 'Kiss and Drop' comms were sent out to parents this week, reminding them of rules. There has been noted improvement this week at Kiss and Drop, so there will be repeated comms in subsequent terms.
- Parents are reminded that double demerits apply in school zones for certain offences as an additional incentive to obey road rules around the school
- 'Walk safely to school day' is on May 10th which is the same day as the Mothers Day breakfast. The P&C will be encouraging people not to drive to school that day, and instead opt to walk, scooter, or bike where possible.
- Fenced off areas in Anzac Park are for investigation work for CCTV (facing the road) and signage. Cameras on Lytton Street have number plate recognition as project trucks have been instructed not to use Lytton Street.
- Tim James, MP for Willoughby, will be visiting the school and doing a walkthrough of road issues with the RTS sub-committee.
- Parents joining online queried issues on Rosalind St and the crossing area on Anzac Ave- noting safety concerns and near misses with drivers

ignoring the crossing area. For Rosalind St, RTS noted that this has been raised already but nothing will be done until the freeway update has been completed (RTS communicated that this was unacceptable, and will continue raising this). For the Anzac Ave crossing, RTS will find out what can be done in terms of flashing lights and flags at the crossing, however with other areas completely lacking a crossing and a raised crossing at the Rosalind St and Miller St junction costing \$100k it's unlikely to be an immediate priority.

• RTS are connecting with NSW department of education road safety team to better understand the tools and information available to us.

[Action] RTS sub-committee to send reminders on 'Kiss and Drop' zone rules every term to parents.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Community Wishlist Discussion

UTH raised the items that the school is requesting P&C funding to support:

- \$10k for library books and resources,
- A continuation of the existing P&C commitment (from 2021) to replace the synthetic astroturf at end of life in 2028 (approx. \$330k based on 2021 quotes) and to replace electronic whiteboards in classes at end of life in approx. 2026 (approx. cost \$156k for 25 smartboards).
 - Note: if the turf is not replaced, it could present tripping hazards and restrict use of areas of the playground over time. It can be replaced progressively as it reaches this stage.
- Shading for the upper and lower terrace playgrounds, estimated cost of \$56k combined. The school requests these assuming the P&C will be able to fund these with grants, as they have been successful gaining grants in the past. However it was later noted that shading installation may face issues for the lower terrace, as the school has been advised previously that construction close to the fenceline can be an issue.
- Air conditioning was raised in the February meeting.
 - It can be installed in phases: phase 1 would be the hottest rooms which catch the Eastern sun, phase 2 would be the remainder of levels 3 and 4, and phase 3 would be the western side which is currently the coolest rooms in the school.
 - Quotes have been sourced, albeit the range of estimates is large (\$73k-\$273k for phase 1). The school is investigating the reason for the range.
 - UTH noted that it took 2 years to get approval for the school to commence climbing wall construction, so is keen to start the projects process before the end of term 1. This would enable this to progress while the P&C sorted fundraising if they are prepared to endorse the wishlist and the air conditioning.
 - Some ongoing costs would need to be allowed for / funded by the P&C if air conditioning is installed.

- Support for shade was noted from the Year 2 WhatsApp group, and there was discussion online supporting it and discussing whether it took priority over other items (e.g. the share of time where shade was used vs. other items, the ability to fund it with grants).
- At the end of the discussion, a motion was raised to support the wishlist as presented:

EdM raised a MOTION for the P&C to endorse the wishlist of items presented by UTH and for the P&C to commit to funding the items raised. LA SECONDED this motion. EdM called for objections to the motion, and there were no objections to the motion in the room or online from members or parents/carers. EdM called for support for the motion, and a quorum of members (all present in the room) PASSED the motion.

Following the motion passing, it was noted that the next step would be to clarify the voluntary contributions required in 2024 to meet the various costs. An existing action had been raised during the treasurer's update for this.

[Action] Erin C and Stephen E to work on communications to parents ahead of the Term 2 contribution request to educate parents on the funding requirements, long-term nature of the items, and to generate support for a (likely) increased contribution to fund air conditioning.

Uniform Shop Update

The uniform shop was a big success with favourable feedback and almost \$5k raised.

A special thank you went out to Nathan (former general assistant) for all the shelving which helped make the uniform shop easier to manage.

A subsequent uniform shop day will be open to kindergarten parents on Friday.

If parents have donations of clothes to be made before Friday, please do so via the team in the school office.

D&I

CG noted that a coffee meetup is being organised for parents with neurodiverse children. For more information, email the P&C (anzacparkpandc@gmail.com).

[Action] Corey to send email to class parents co-ordinators outlining details of the coffee meeting and inviting interest

[Action] Stephen to help set up a dropbox for the D&I sub-committee

CG also noted that they have been meeting up with other D&I programs across schools in the nearby area to collaborate on D&I initiatives and to share learnings.

Social

AH provided an update:

- Mothers day planning is ongoing; a 'save the date' went out already as it's very soon after term 2 resumes
- The Trivia night from last year will be repeated in 2024 (later in the year), albeit opened to all parents
- For Mountaintop, the P&C is planning a 'night market' in the hall. This
 will help showcase the diversity of food/culture within the APPS
 community while also keeping kids (and parents/carers) happy and fed
 on the evening. The Social sub-committee will reach out to parents in
 the school to provide food from where they came from. The idea will be
 to 'buy a plate', with the maths and the details to be worked out in
 coming weeks.

[Action] Social team to 'do the maths' for pricing and communicate with parents/the school on how to host the Mountain Top night market event

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

P&C General Meeting was closed at 8.23pm.