

MINUTES

Anzac Park Public School P&C Meeting

Date | time 12 September 2017, 7pm | *Meeting called to order by* Russell Rigby

In Attendance

Mary O'Neill, Mike Song, Peter Fitzgerald, Marcela Gonzalez, Elissa Auzins Leah Allen Alan Hinton, Russell Rigby, Victoria Hoch, Nadine Samwell, Natasha Huxstep, Unity Taylor-Hill, Lydia Janobi

Apologies: Jenny Phillipson, Flynn McDermott, Vicki Lambert, Grant Kepler

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the August meeting and approved.

President's Address

Russell Rigby recently ran for local council elections on a platform of issues affecting our school. He forged good relationships with councilors and the Mayor, Jilly Gibson, which will enable him to advocate the school's issues going forward.

Russell also met with NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian to express our disappointment at the lack of engagement with our school community on the planned road tunnel. Russell noted that the RMS website has removed references to questionable air quality references.

Russel to circulate copy of letter to Premier from P&C re road tunnel.

Unity to contact RMS to (again) invite their air quality expert to meet with the P&C.

Russell also raised the ongoing issue of school road safety with the Premier, that we were not happy with her level of support because nothing has happened. He reported that Grant Kepler is writing a letter of exception to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to ask for a school zone to be installed on Ernest St.

The school is preparing a grant application for \$32k for shade. If successful the shade will be installed for the summer of 2018/19.

Principal's Report

Principal Unity Taylor-Hill presented her report.

There are currently 350 students enrolled at the school and 140 kindergarten students are enrolled for 2018. Out of area enrollments for K and Yr 1 have not been accepted for 2018.

Five new teaching positions have been advertised and applications close tomorrow. An additional Assistant Principal position has been advertised and applications close next Wednesday 20 September 2017.

Unity called for nominees to be on the panel for upcoming recruitment of a permanent learning and support teacher and a full-time librarian. **Irina Schuchman and Leah Allen were nominated.**

Unity raised the motion that the cocktail night was abandoned this year given that we have both the Trivia Night and Mountain Top occurring in Term 4. Another event would be too much and may be poorly supported by the community. The motion was carried and the **Cocktail Night will be cancelled for 2017.**

Unity also called for parent representatives to assist with the review of two school policies. **Nadine Samwell nominated to be the parent rep. on the panel to review the school's Anti-bullying strategy; Peter Fitzgerald and Leah Allen nominated to be the parent representatives on the School-wide homework policy.**

The canteen are looking to supply Halaal options. The canteen committee are also considering a change to Munch Monitors. Unity presented the attributes of Munch Monitors which include the ability to exclude certain foods from your child's menu, to note allergies and to set daily spending limits. It operates using a Munch Monitors card which can be recharged by parents. Attendees at the meeting asked for a comparison between the current Flexischools and Munch Monitors to be done [by the canteen committee], particularly a comparison of fees. All in attendance agreed that the end of year would be an appropriate time to changeover and that plenty of warning would be required so that parents could use up their Flexischools credit.

OOSH are seeking approval to expand their licence to cover 190 students for 2018. A waitlist policy is being negotiated between Jigsaw, the Principal and a P&C representative.

The Principal noted that the bell for school rings at 8:55am and asked parents to ensure their children are at school by this time. The Home School Liaison Officer and Assistant Principals compile reports on lateness and absences of students.

Amy Rogers and Unity Taylor-Hill will be presenting research on flexible learning spaces to a conference in Melbourne. For more information visit www.ilet.com.au

Treasurer's Report

The election Day cake stall and sausage sizzle raised \$1,697.00. Expenses were \$509 which meant a profit of \$1,088. Parent contributions to the P&C are sitting at 82%. The cash balance for the P&C is \$76,388.

Upcoming purchases include giant chess and checkers pieces for use on the rooftop terrace.

Forthcoming Activities

Trivia Night on 21 October 2017 at the school. Alcohol is permitted because children will not be present.

There will be two end of year discos for K-2 and Yr 3-6. Cost will be \$5.

Road Safety Report

New 'Active Transport' representative in North Sydney Council. Grant Kepler will re-engage with this person to benefit the school with active transport programs.

The remaining road safety report was covered in the President's report above.

Presentation

Miss Janobi presented the Personalised Pathways program. There are plans to have a parent portal of Personalised Pathways in Term 4.

Meeting Close

The Meeting closed at approximately 8:30pm.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday 14 November at 7pm.