



HPS P&C Meeting Minutes Tuesday 22 October 2019

Members Present: Paul Rupil, Jen Moore, Dave Morris, Rebecca Delpey, Sharon Laura, Amanda Warren, Michael Shuai, Georgie Fernandes, Nicole Sheldrick, Galia Ayala, Melissa Owens, Jacqui Biffin, Carmel Griffith,

HPS Representatives Present: Karlynn Jacobsen, Katie Martin

Apologies: Sarah Coughlin, Nuala Ward, Sherrill Nixon, Gaye Porter

1. Opening

Paul welcomed members.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Motion: Approval of the previous meeting minutes as a correct record – Michael Shuai

Seconded: Amanda Warren

Approved

Reports

3. Year 6 Dinner

School Captains Charlie and Clarissa attended and spoke to members about the upcoming Year 6 Dinner Dance. The event will be held on Wednesday 11 December at the Canada Bay Club and is a lovely way for the students to celebrate their time at HPS. The students asked for assistance from the P&C to reduce the ticket price per student and cover costs for those students who are unable to afford to attend otherwise.

Supporting the Year 6 Dinner Dance has become a traditional event for the P&C to support.

Motion: Approval of \$2000 to assistance in lowering the ticket cost for the Year 6 Dinner Dance – Jen Moore

Seconded: Carmel Griffith

Approved

4. Principal's Report

Advertisements for a teaching position has gone out with interviews to take place in the coming weeks. Mike Shuai is the P&C representative on the panel. Another vacancy is being filled by a targeted graduate.

OC placement offers went out last week with exceptional results from HPS students.

The school has already hit the ceiling of 646 students with more in area families visiting the office every week. Further conversations are to take place with the Department of Education regarding raising that ceiling number as that figure did not include the new space that the demountables provide.

Testing for the GATs classes will commence shortly. All kindy students are tested. Other students who are nominated will also be tested.

The new style of Happenings has received great feedback. The school will continue to add to and improve the newsletter with three due to go out this term.



The groundworks is almost complete and children will be allowed in the next week. General maintenance such as painting and asphalt work will take place this term.

Ms Jacobsen thanked Carmel for her work in submitting a grant application for the sensory garden.

The process for Prefect elections is underway. Nomination forms have gone home with students. The next step is preselection followed by speeches by candidates to Years 3-5 prior to the vote. Captains and Prefects will be announced at the Stage 3 assembly.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dave reported that the combined bank balance is sitting just under \$37,000. Since the report was compiled, further money has been spent on Uniform Shop stock. The accounts will be audited prior to the AGM on 26 November.

Motion: Approval of the Treasurer's report – Carmel Griffith

Seconded: Jacqui Biffin

Approved

6. Groundworks and Sensory Garden Update

Jen reported that the groundworks subcommittee met with the school and Department regarding the work being done. They were able to answer questions regarding drainage and levelling of the area.

Carmel met with the school and Edible Kids Gardens to discuss the future plans for the sensory garden. Ideas were taken and translated into an initial design which Carmel shared with members. The design can be altered if needed.

Carmel went through the costings breakdown which came total of \$137k. The grant application was for \$75k. If successful, the design can be paired back to reduce costs or additional funds could be raised to cover the difference.

If successful, the work will go out to public tender. Edible Kids Gardens could bid for the work which they have done in the past at other schools and venues. The results of the grant application will be announced in March with money to be spent by November 2021.

Discussion

7. AGM Reminder

The AGM will be held on 26 November at 7pm and will be followed by a general meeting. All positions will become vacant and then an election will be held. You must be a current financial member to nominate for position.

Subcommittees

8. Cake Stalls

The next cake stall will be held on Friday 1 November with Year 1 hosting. There are issues with leftover stock. They were taken to a police station following the last stall.

There was a discussion regarding some customers wanting containers for their purchases and the possibility of changing for those. A BYO container incentive and reusing cake boxes was also suggested. The team will trial paper bags at the next stall and will discuss strategies for future stalls.



Jelly is very popular but are waste concerns regarding the plastic cups and spoons. Alternative supplies are proving hard to source and expensive.

9. Events/Fundraising

Outdoor Movie Night

Movie Night will be held on Friday 25 October. There were only three volunteers signed up as of last week. An Enews went out yesterday calling for volunteers and noting that without help the event will have to be cancelled. Almost all positions have not been filled.

K-2 Disco

Tickets are on sale via Flexischools and Carmel will sell at school as well in the lead up to the event. A sign up page has been created for volunteers.

Tea Towel

Order for tea towels close on 28 October. These are made to order so there is no opportunity to buy past the deadline.

Handball Tournament

Due to the large amount of events taking place in Term 4, this event will be held over until next year.

10. Grants

The application for the sensory garden grant has been submitted. Ideas for other projects that need funding are welcomed.

Carmel reported that work around introducing recycling has become stagnant as there are many things that need to fall into place to make it work. The bin area would need to be reconfigured to fit in extra recycling bins. We will also need to colour code the existing bins around the school.

11. WestConnex

Sharon reported that the tunnelling for the M4/5 link has caused noise problems which are impacting residents and animals.

Night works are taking place to restore footpaths. Big signs will go up in the new year. Sharon also spoke of the traffic consequences which residents and students are now dealing with.

Work on the Haberfield gardens are in progress and due to be completed by the end of the year. Haberfield library is receiving an upgrade.

Sharon, alongside two other parents/residents, met with Woolworths and with council in separate meetings in relation to the Woolworths development. Their concerns have been taken on-board and some modifications to the design have been made. The project hopes to be approved by Christmas and work then beginning in April 2020. Entry and exit points will be on Bland St and Parramatta Rd...

12. General Business

There was no further business to discuss.

Next meeting: 26 August 2019. AGM followed by general meeting