

ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 3rd September 2014 meeting 7:30pm - 9:10pm

1. Welcome and attendance: Pen Bye, Louisa Dobbin, Sarah Taylor-Holmes, Naomi Toy, Tracey Blow, Julie Jorstad, Julie Charlton, Jacqui Owens, Ian Cranwell, Jane Fox, Hayley Russell, Ruth Lyons, Kate Rutledge, Wendy Routledge,

1.1. Apologies: Chris Harris, Sheila Bollard

2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting:

2.1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 2014 meeting are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved: Naomi Toy, Wendy Routledge

3. Business arising from previous minutes:

3.1. Four trestle tables have been purchased for P&C use. Stored in electrical cupboard located between special purpose classrooms and hall.

3.2. Pen Bye purchased four gifts for teachers costing approximately \$200 but needs to purchase one more for a teacher's aide who assisted with a recent camp.
RESOLVED: Pen to buy an additional gift for teacher's aide.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal's report:

Hayley Russell and Jane Fox gave report on behalf of principal:

- Thank you to the Roman Day coordinators.
- Thanks to Justin Chambers and helpers for the Dad's BBQ.
- Thanks to the organisers of the Father's Day stall.
- Teachers have been reviewing disability standards and community consultation has occurred regarding the BYOD policy.
- Teachers are still learning about the new English and Maths syllabus.
- Individual Naplan results will be sent out week beginning 8th Sep.
- Staff have a new small study nook next to Mr Babbage's classroom. Staff are holding raffles to raise funds to fit the room out.

- Two hazardous trees in the playground have been declared unsafe by an arborist need and will be removed within the next 3 months.
- Uniform committee has met and a summary of the survey will be published in Sept 8th school newsletter. The summary was read at the meeting.
- Enrolment figures: 43 in-area applications for 2015 and 8 affected siblings: 50 students in total. Meeting on the 18th Sept will occur for affected siblings. In 2016 11 in-area families have enrolled with 11 affected siblings.
- Sarah Taylor-Holmes requested that the Principal provide an estimate of class sizes for senior years 4, 5 & 6 in view of continued increase in student numbers, outgoing year 6's and incoming kindergarten numbers.

4.2 Treasurer's report:

Dad's BBQ raised approximately \$992. The FSA cupcake stall raised \$1,122 and thus far the Christmas tree initiative has raised \$1,345 with 21 sold. There is \$21,000 in the cheque account with \$16,000 to come out (money pledged to school) and \$6,000 from the Easter raffle. There is approximately \$43,000 in the savings account.

5. 2014 Working group updates

5.1. Enrolment: See Principal's report. By 18th September affected families will know if they have been accepted to enrol. If you are newly out of boundary following the reduction of July Wendy Routledge is happy to provide information on changes and can be contacted via the P&C website.

Agreed: The local community should be informed of recent boundary changes.

Ian Cranwell recently advised the DEC that some maps on neighbouring primary school websites were out of date. In response, the DEC has removed the maps from the school websites, include the one on ANPS' site. **Agreed:** the P&C ask the Principal to request the DEC to reinstate a map for ANPS to include the most recent boundary changes.

5.2. Grounds: Ian Cranwell suggested that some classes adopt a garden bed to improve the appearance of the school grounds. Garden beds will need maintenance and leaders to manage them. **Agreed:** Hayley Russell to discuss with staff.

It was noted that Ali Donaldson has a contact at Rozelle Bay Nursery who has previously made an offer to supply a small number of plants to the school.

5.3. Supporting Quality Learning: Donations from future school night total approximately \$3,500. P&C will write a cheque to school and send thank you letters to those who contributed.

Sarah Taylor-Holmes asked if there were any plans to spend some of the P&C saving funds of \$43,000. **Agreed:** Staff will compile a wish-list. P&C will also seek suggestions from the school community.

5.4 Grants: No report

5.5 Music: No report but the committee has purchased more music stands to the total of \$2200. Soirees have been held and were a great success. The music committee does request more communication when school events are being held (such as Roman Day) as both groups needed access to the Hall making it hard for the junior band to practice.

5.6 Fundraising: Meeting held. A volunteers list will be displayed in playground closer to the date and fete details will be posted on the school's website to communicate more widely. Christmas tree sales haven't been as good as expected with only 21 ordered.

RESOLVED that the P&C purchase the remaining trees needed for the minimum order at a cost of \$900 to sell them in December to either the school or wider community. Moved: Ian Cranwell, seconded Wendy Routledge, carried.

6. General business

6.1 Update on submissions:

To the Education Minister on Rozelle Bay: in preparation.

Johnston and Rose St. developments: sent to council and await a response.

6.2 Various comments that the number of school activities for families has been too high recently and is costly. Hayley Russell responded that the school executive is aware of the high number of activities and is scrutinising activities that teachers want to run to avoid putting additional burden on both families and teachers.

Aligning of School and P&C calendars is required to ensure both groups are aware of upcoming activities and associated planning.

Agreed: In order to reduce the P&C activities prior to the fete, the FSA cupcake stalls will not take place in September and October.

6.3 KEEN term 3 pilot: has been successful and will continue in term 4. Bookings are open on line and over 60 families have utilised the service. Rental income from the initiative has been great and over 1000 productive hours gained for children. Children have been signed in and out of Anooscha without difficulty and disadvantaged children have been given discounted access to KEEN.

7. Correspondence: Several incoming emails all distributed or action taken.

8. Date of next meeting is October 8 at 7.30pm, rescheduled from October 1 which falls within school holidays.