

# **ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes Wednesday 5th November 2014 meeting 7:30pm - 9:30pm**

1. **Attendance:** Ali Donaldson, Ian Cranwell, Naomi Toy, Julie Charlton, Annabelle McGilvray, Sally Webb, Natasha Dimitropoulos, Sarah Taylor-Holmes, Lou Dobbin, Johanna Burnett, Sheila Bollard, Josh Collins, Melanie Oxley, Marion Blender, Pen Bye, Ruth Lyons, Jacqui Owens, Annette Walker, Wendy Routledge, Kate Rutledge, Tracey Blow, Anne Ryan, James Jeffrey, Hayley Russell,
2. **Apologies:** Jane Fox, Julie Jorstad, Chris and Carolyn Harris & Natasha Lai-Butler
3. **Confirmation of minutes of October meeting:** Moved: Ian Cranwell seconded: Naomi Toy, carried.

4. **Business arising from previous minutes:**

4.1 Expenditure of P&C funds and process for other proposals.

**Resolved** that the P&C:

1. funds refurbishment of the library, including painting & furniture up to \$10,000,
2. funds the purchase of 20 laptops, exclusive of GST (equivalent to mid-range Dell) up to \$20,000,
3. retains at least \$20,000 in its accounts to maintain liquidity for 2015,
4. notes these suggestions for expenditure:
  - a) fittings and adaptation of the hall for indoor sports (including a screen to protect the projector),
  - b) playground equipment,
  - c) ceramics in school program,
  - d) resurfacing of the infants' playground,
  - e) washable paints for class art,
  - f. piano trolley and stool for the hall piano

and authorises the executive to further develop these proposals for resubmission to the P&C for recommendation and funding or other action as appropriate. This to include consultation with the principal.

Moved : Ian Cranwell, seconded : Wendy Routledge CARRIED.

**Thank you from Josh Collins on behalf of the teachers for the approved spending.**

**5. Reports:**

- 5.1. Principal's report: see attached report.
- 5.1.1 **Religious education:** the Principal flagged moving the time religious studies and ethics timeslot from the morning "prime learning time" to an afternoon session. Concerns were raised about the availability of volunteers in the afternoon and the impact this would have on the programs. Questions asked about activities for students who do not undertake religion education or special ethics education. Principal responded that DEC policy requires meaningful activities for students not attending religious education, but prohibits academic instruction. Time for classes is by agreement between the school and the religious instructors. Coordinator of the Ethics classes raised concerns at difficulties attracting volunteers to teach ethics in the afternoon. More people are available in the morning.
- 5.2. Treasurer's report: The fete raised approximately \$51,000. General P&C accounts total \$79,000 (not taking into account \$30,000 resolved expenditure as above) with Cobden and Hayson's contribution of \$26,000 expected to be received in December 2015. Some fete and Christmas Tree expenses still to come. Band account currently has \$23,000 with some expenses (conductor fees, music night) still to come.
- 5.3. Audit report status: Audit is underway. Lou Dobbin recommended that current method of accounting (MYOB) is restrictive and that P&C should transition to another method to ensure future audits can occur more easily. and there is more flexibility for future treasurers.

**6. 2014 Working Group Updates:**

- 6.1. **Enrolment:** no report
- 6.2. **Grounds:** no report
- 6.3. **Supporting Quality Learning:** The group is reviewing technology requests and planning is underway with teachers for 2015 planning.
- 6.4. **Grants:** no report
- 6.5. **Band:** The Principal has informed the P&C that due to pressure on the school budget and in an effort to treat all users of classroom equally, music tutors associated with the P&C band sub-committee will be charged

room hire under the DEC Community Use of School Facilities guidelines from 2015. Tutors will be charged a discounted rate of \$3.50/hr. Several parents expressed concern at charges for a P&C activity, especially given the many benefits to the school from the band program and the hundreds of voluntary hours given to run it. Several parents also expressed charging tutors was equitable and they would be willing to pay the additional cost (estimated to be between \$1-\$2 per lesson). Band subcommittee will consider its position, liaise with parents and school executive liaison Josh Collins to determine best way to manage this.

## **6.6. Fundraising:**

- 6.6.1. **Resolved:** That the P&C thanks the fund raising committee and its fete working group, including the P&C President, for the successful and productive fete, and greatly appreciates the efforts of all involved. **Moved** :Ian Cranwell, seconded: Tracey Blow. Carried unanimously by acclamation.
- 6.6.2. **Noted:** There will be a mufti day on November 27 to raise money for “Aidan’s Quest” with red and blue colours as the theme. More information will be provided in the school newsletter closer to the date.

## **6. General business:**

6.1 **Parking signs:** held over until next meeting

6.2 **Compulsory stationery pack:** letter has been sent home for 2015 stationery requirements for all students.

Compulsion questioned and reason sought for the inability to select items from a list to purchase as Officemax does allow for this option. When the packs were first raised at the August P&C meeting, they were described as optional with some flexibility in what could be selected for purchase.

Principal responded that the cost effectiveness of the packs had been well-researched, they were cheaper than buying items individually and were time saving for parents. However, if parents still wanted to supply their own materials they were at liberty to do so. She suggested this could result in children having different resources than their classmates, eg textbooks, exercise books etc.

**Date of next meeting AGM – 3rd December 2014, 7:00pm, followed by Ordinary Meeting @ 7:30pm**