

ANNANDALE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

(draft)

Minutes of Wednesday 1st April 2015 meeting 7:30pm - 9:00pm

1. **Welcome:** We acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation on whose country we are meeting today and their elders past and present.
2. **Attendance:** Naomi Toy, Ruth Lyons, Kate Rutledge, Natasha Dimitropolous, Ali Donaldson, Sarah Taylor-Holmes, Sheila Bollard, Melanie Oxley, Andrew Pattinson, Annette Walker, Ian Cranwell, Lou Dobbin, Marco Forstner, Pen Bye, Ron Smit, Tracey Blow
3. **Apologies:** Alissa Cook, Julie Charlton, Julie Jorstad, Johanna Burnett & Annabel McGilvray
4. **Confirmation of previous minutes:**
 - 4.1. March meeting; moved Wendy Routledge, seconded Ali Donaldson.
Carried unanimously
5. **Business arising previous minutes:**
 - 5.1 Suggested funding spends from resolution of Nov 2014:
 - a) fittings and adaptation of the hall for indoor sports (including a cage to protect the projector): The Principal suggested the current projector be replaced (when it reaches end of useful life) with more sophisticated technology and protection. Concerned at flexibility of current pole if struck.
 - b) playground equipment: needs further investigation and costings
 - c) ceramics in school program: school to decide in consultation with the children what can be created using a ceramic medium. The Principal has seen other creative uses of ceramics in school playground and would like time to explore options.
 - d) resurfacing of the infants playground: Principal advised this needs investigation to determine extent of damage and cost. Repairs unlikely to be effective as deterioration likely to continue. By comparison with recent grounds work it was noted that replacement could cost \$50,000 or more and the school has other priorities for maintenance in 2015 using capital works funds.

e) washable paints for class art: numerous reasons why shirts stain and not just the paint. Not a priority at present to replace paint.

f) piano trolley and stool for the hall piano: Mel Oxley to discuss with the B&S committee (Annabel) to determine best solution.

5.2. New microphones for hall:

Resolved: That the P&C funds the purchase by the school of a gooseneck microphone for the existing lectern, 2 radio microphones, hardware and installation costs to a total of \$678.50 (ex GST) as per quote by Projectorama of 12th March 2015. Moved on notice: Ruth Lyons, seconded: Naomi Toy: carried unopposed.

5.3 Additional library funding for refurbishment:

Resolved: That in addition to the \$10,000 already paid, the P&C further funds library refurbishment up to \$25,000 (less GST) which includes painting, electrical work, data cabling, shelving and furniture. Moved on notice: Ruth Lyons, seconded: Kate Rutledge: carried unopposed.

5.4 Solar power system:

See background at Attachment 1 (executive) attachment 2 (mover).

Motion on notice: That the P&C fund the school up to \$25,000 (less GST) to install a solar power system on the school hall roof. Further, that the system will be generally consistent with that outlined in the attached quote provided by Solar Technology Australia dated February 26, 2015, as described at the April P&C meeting. Moved: Naomi Toy, Seconded: Ruth Lyons.

This motion on notice was withdrawn by the mover (Naomi Toy) following advice on Government policy to install solar panels under commercial leases, and the School's decision to wait and see what comes of this. Principal advised school could volunteer to be part of the program if not currently listed. [Sec. note: OEH advised after the meeting that the school had volunteered and has been accepted for assessment]. This substitute motion was moved:

Resolved: That the P&C supports in principle solar energy initiatives within the school grounds but awaits feedback from the Government on a new rollout of solar panels. Concept to be revisited following first round offers to schools in July.

Moved: Naomi Toy, Seconded: Ruth Lyons: carried unopposed

6. Reports:

6.1 President: thank you to Kate Rutledge and team for the successful election mini fete. Thank you to year 3 for the last cupcake stall at the FSA. Thanks to Wendy Routledge for running the Easter Raffle and assisting with election fund raiser. Fund raising

6.2 Treasurer: Approximately \$78,000 in the P&C accounts, less \$25,000 resolved for the library refurbishment and \$678 for microphones. See attached report for further details.

6.3 Principal:

Permanent classroom teacher position to be advertised Term 2.

* SDD - Teachers will be doing a variety of different things over several schools including science to address the new Australian Science curriculum, Mathematics to build scope and sequences, Creative Writing and seven steps to writing success.

* School Plan will be up in the school website soon along with policies that we have been updating.

* ASR 2014 will be published by the 1st of May.

* Saturday market DA soon to be ready at Leichhardt council.

7. Sub-committee reports:

7.1 Fundraising: Easter raffle, Election mini-fete March 28th and Disco May 22nd.

Resolved: That the P&C authorises expenditure of up to \$5,000 by the Disco coordinator on necessary costs in preparation of the event. The coordinator is to keep the Treasurer informed of expenditure and an acquittal is to be provided at the June meeting. Moved on notice: Tracey Blow seconded: Wendy Routledge. Carried unanimously.

7.2 Band and Strings: will continue report every second meeting

7.3 Facilities/Grounds: Naomi Toy nominated herself to be coordinator of Facilities/Grounds committee. No other nominations: carried unopposed

7.4 Grants:no report, coordinator needed

7.5 Supporting Quality Learning: no report, coordinator needed

8. New business:

- **Agreed** that an email list of members be created to improve information sharing from the P&C Executive and the members on urgent or necessary communication.

- **Noted** that membership numbers are low for 2015 and recruitment of new members is required to continue to support the school achieve its goals. Members asked to encourage joining, especially from early years.
- It was raised that the communication of some events by the school is at short notice and could an improved way of sharing information be found. Pen Bye volunteered to be the link between the school and parent representatives to ensure timely communication occurs. She will regularly send lists of forthcoming events for distribution.

9. Correspondence:

- Fundraising brochures
- letter from DEC about disposition of income from solar system (attached)
- school budget details from DEC (attached)

next meeting: June 6th 7:30pm

Attachment 1 - Solar Panel Proposal Background

Cost

Max coverage hall northern roof (18.2 kW): Gross \$36,500 if STCs sold to installer, \$23,000. It would generate about \$3450 worth of electricity per year. Thus pay back in 6-7 years, but it is not certain school would retain any savings (see reply on behalf of minister - attached).

Smaller, less costly, systems are possible (around \$15,000).

Election Policies

Labor: has promised to install solar panels on all public schools currently without them.

http://act.nswlabor.org.au/labors_plan_for_solar_in_schools

Coalition: Environment Minister Rob Stokes said the government is already undertaking a policy to lease the roofs of schools and other public buildings to energy providers to install solar panels. The providers in turn provide energy back to the government at a greatly discounted rate.

He said the government's policy "is not going to cost the taxpayer a cent" and would save the state \$7 million in energy costs. Mr Stokes said the government is already in discussions with solar providers and installations could begin as soon as October, after the government finishes an audit of schools' energy usage in July.

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/nsw-state-election-2015/nsw-election-labor-leader-luke-foley-announces-solar-panels-for-schools-rejects-costa-criticism-on-power-20150320-1m3rc0.html>

This government policy is at:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/government/140567NSWGREP.pdf>

Arguments For

- If school's funding level is maintained for the life of the system it will return approximately 4 times cost (at current values) over life of 25 years. See DEC letter below.
- If feed-in tariffs go up the school may make more money (if funds retained).
- Good example for students and community of sustainable energy
- Can be used as example for teaching maths, sustainability, science

Arguments Against

- Would be in effect giving \$23,000 to the State Government if the school's funding allocation is correspondingly reduced. See DEC letter below.
- There are more pressing needs for the P&C's money.
- We owe it to those who worked hard to raise the money to use it to best advantage.
- May influence future fund raising effort.
- Would not be visible from school grounds, thus reducing prominence for demonstration purposes.

May be provided for free by government in the next year.

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Attachment 2 - Solar Panel Proposal Background

Feedback from schools in relation to solar power systems

- * Schools with small systems (5kw-10kw) installed under the BER or the National Solar Schools Program several years ago said the impact was small or had probably offset rising costs of electricity. They couldn't tell me the cost of their system nor the size. One school (Newtown) said their monthly bill was reduced by 6 per cent.
- * The size of the system needs to be big enough to make an impact. Victorian Dept of Education and Training recommends at least 15kW system for schools with 400-600 students.
- * Cronulla High is about to install a 90kW (cost about \$150,000) system. Principal Tony Ibrahim thought our proposal was sound, was a good size for the school and was a "no brainer".
- * He believes the Department can be lobbied to allow school to keep a higher proportion of its utilities bill and therefore get more benefit out of the project. There is precedent at Menai High.
- * He believes it was "ethically, morally and socially responsible" thing to do.

Arguments in favour of the motion:

- * The school will save money. How much may be debatable, but it will definitely save money.
- * It will mark the school as leaders in this area and can generate great publicity for the school.
- * The Principal and staff support it and want it.
- * It complements a key area of the school's newly released strategic plan - Future Ready. Key themes are sustainability and global citizenship.
- * It will offset increased electricity costs as more and more technology is introduced into the school, ie more computers.
- * The P&C has ample money to fund this project. Planned P&C fundraising events can expect to raise approximately \$20,000 plus a "big event fundraiser" is still being discussed. There are no other "big ticket" spends in the pipeline.
- * We should fund this ourselves rather than wait for a government policy which may never eventuate. Evidence from schools which took part in Government funded initiatives is that they were tokenistic and made little difference.
- * A monitoring screen can be fitted in the office so everyone can see this project at work.

Arguments against the motion:

- * The school may not get the full financial benefit of the project.



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Mr Ian Cranwell
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DGL15/260

Dear Mr Cranwell

I write in response to your email of 6 March 2015, to Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, regarding Annandale North Public School's electricity allocation. Due to the commencement of the caretaker period, I am responding on behalf of the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education. I note that you have also written to the Secretary, Department of Education and Communities on this matter.

I can advise that there is currently no proposal to change Annandale North Public School's electricity allocation in 2015.

A new funding system, the Resource Allocation Model (RAM), is being progressively rolled out to schools. RAM includes utility allocations. The impact of future utilities allocations is not yet known so it is not possible to provide you with the definitive answer you seek for the years beyond 2015. However, any strategies to reduce overhead costs will result in the availability of increased funding to support educational outcomes in NSW.

I note that the school held over \$135,000 in their bank account as at 28 February 2015. Each school principal in conjunction with the school finance committee determines how available funds are applied to meet the school's educational priorities and curriculum requirements.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Garry Key, Manager, Schools Finance on telephone number 02 9244 5586 or email at Garry.Key@det.nsw.edu.au.

The efforts of parent and community groups in their support of the public school system are greatly appreciated. I wish your school community well for the future.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Best
Executive Director, Learning and Business Systems

17 March 2015



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SCHOOL GLOBAL FUNDING

I am pleased to provide you with the attached details of the school's semester one funding allocation for 2015.

Global funding is provided to schools to assist in meeting the cost of items such as short term relief, stores, equipment, teaching resources, utilities and classroom and library resources. Funding is distributed to schools in accordance with a formula based on the enrolments and staffing of each school, and expenditure history in relation to utilities use. Funds are also provided in the form of special factor loadings which cater for schools with unique characteristics. Funding for a range of specific programs is also provided to eligible schools with the global funding instalment.

Schools may continue to seek general and subject contributions from parents and guardians in accordance with the Voluntary School Contributions guidelines and code of practice.

The semester one funding instalment has been credited direct to the school's bank account.

Under the principles of school financial management, the distribution of funds to school programs is determined annually by the Principal in consultation with the school finance committee which should include parent representatives. Your organisation is encouraged to work with the Principal to ensure that the resources provided to the school are applied towards the school's educational priorities, curriculum requirements and specific needs.

Cheryl Best
Executive Director, Learning and Business Systems
5th February 2015

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Schedule A - Semester 1, 2015

The Principal
Annandale North Public School

SCHOOL CODE: **1042**

Total Annual Entitlement	166,869
Staff Numbers - Teachers	22.056
SASS-Immediate	0.000
SASS-Non-Immediate - Primary	3.122
Student Nos. Primary	445.000

**Student/
Staff FTE**

**Rate
\$**

\$

General Operations Grant

Base			
Classroom Resources - Primary	445.000	X	64.45
			10,435
			28,680
Total General Operations Grant			39,115

Short Term Casual Relief

Teacher Relief - Primary	22.056	X	2,962.25	65,335
SASS Non-Immediate Relief and T&D - Primary	3.122	X	480.84	1,501
Immediate SASS Relief	0.000	X	1,575.89	0
Total Short Term Casual Relief				66,836

Special Factors Loading

Urgent Minor Maintenance			9,670
Global Funding Enhancement			1,050
School Security Banking			6,518
Total Special Factors Loading			17,238

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Total Annual Entitlement

166,869

Semester 1 2015 Entitlement

83,435

Treasurers Report
(ANPS P&C Meeting, 1 April 2015)

- Sign-off obtained for 2014 Audit of main P&C account and band accounts.
- Profit and Loss for the main P&C accounts for the month of March 2015:

	MTD	YTD
	Mar	Mar
	\$	\$
<i>Income</i>		
Commission		163.48
Bank Interest	36.69	300.90
Dad's BBQ	1,119.20	1,119.20
Easter	2,153.65	2,153.65
Fete	7,742.20	33,934.48
Christmas Trees		1,445.00
Fundraiser Stalls	784.15	1,739.85
P&C Memberships	2.00	77.00
Second hand uniform sales	195.05	919.05
Step Into Life	50.00	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	12,082.94	41,955.61
<i>Expenses</i>		
Easter Raffle	- 202.75	- 202.75
Fete Expenses	- 1,021.44	- 2,193.81
Gifts-Teachers	- 247.80	- 847.80
P&C Contribution to ANPS Wish List		- 30,000.00
P&C cupcake contribution to library	- 1,739.85	- 1,739.85
Aidan Brown Quest		- 1,000.00
Christmas Trees		- 1,800.00
Lucia		- 500.00
Year 6 Year Book		- 170.00
Thank you gifts		- 150.00
BBQs		- 1,777.29
Trestle Tables		- 179.95
Kindy welcome	- 696.37	- 696.37
Other	- 45.00	- 45.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-3,953.21	-41,302.82
Net Profit/(Loss)	8,129.73	652.79

- Ending bank balances at end of March 15 - \$79,280.14 for main P&C accounts (\$1,960 of un-presented cheques) and \$16,481 for band account