

**Minutes of ANPS Parents and Citizens Meeting**  
**4th June 2014 7:30pm**

**Attendance:** Alissa Cook, Chris Harris, Ian Cranwell, Julie Jorstad, Kate Rutledge, Naomi Toy, Ruth Lyons, Sarah Taylor-Holmes, Tracey Blow, Amy Miller, Kate Gall, Wendy Routledge, Johanna Burnett, Louisa Dobbin, Ali Donaldson, Martina Kiske, Michael Matthews, Kirsten McKendry, Melanie Oxley, Marion Blender, Mark Green, Pen Bye, Hayley Russell, Peter Crowe.

**1. Welcome - Acknowledgement of Country and apologies - Sheila Bollard**

**2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting:**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the May meeting (following an amendment to Future Schools night funds as contained in attached email ) are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved: Chris Harris, seconded Wendy Routledge, **carried**.

**3.0 Business arising from previous minutes:**

**3.1. Feedback on Future-Schools night:** Sarah Taylor Holmes said more than 100 people attended and generally positive feedback has been received. Some families have indicated they would like more information on, or a wishlist of, exactly what the money will be spent on before pledges are made. Current amount pledged is approximately \$1000 which could grow once more information is shared with families. A visual display in the office to show how much money is being pledged and what it is purchasing is under consideration. Pledge drive closes on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Melanie Oxley commented she was proud of what her colleagues had presented.

**3.2. Update on library fund:** Remains a work in progress. Ruth Lyons agreed to seek information from other schools about the rules they developed to establish and run a fund.

**Resolved:** A request for assistance for someone within ANPS with the relevant experience will be made. *[Note: Ruth Lyons has since received and shared correct and up-to-date information from DET which stated P&C's cannot seek DGR endorsement for a library fund nor operate one, only the school itself can. Sheila Bollard considering this option before any further action can be taken.]*

**3.3. P&C communication with school community:** The Executive is looking for additional ways to share the relevant community information it receives. It is looking at establishing a noticeboard on the P&C's school webpage and using it's Facebook page more. Pen Bye reported families who used to be a part of ANPS can't unsubscribe from the website. **Resolved:** Julie Jorstad will investigate unsubscribing process and setting up P&C noticeboard.

**4.1 Principal's report:** see attached

## **5. 2014 Working group updates:**

### **5.1. Enrolment:**

No update on boundary changes.

Inner City Schools Working Party consultation on “strengthening public secondary education” in the municipalities of Leichhardt, Marrickville and City of Sydney. See <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/announcements/inner-sydney-high-school-consultation>. Final information night to be held 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### **5.2. Grounds:**

Presentation given by Ian Cranwell reviewing P&C grounds initiative (attached) and setting out list of potential improvements/options for the P&C, school and school community to consider and add to.

Discussion about status of “amphitheatre plans”. Sarah Taylor-Holmes pointed to Project Green survey results which showed maximising open play space on school grounds was a priority for parents and commented that she did not consider the “amphitheatre plans” would achieve this. Ali Donaldson expressed concern about how “an outdoor teaching space” would be utilised.

It was stressed that the P&C has made no commitment or resolution to undertake any specific improvement or option to date, other than the resolution on 2nd April that fixing the hazardous yellow bricked area in the infants playground and the ‘dusty corner’ would be a priority of any grounds work undertaken and/or funded by the P&C. The consultation process is now underway and all members of the school community are encouraged to propose any specific improvements they would like to see undertaken.

P&C is awaiting a response from the Education Minister to its letter requesting action on the hazardous yellow bricked area and “dusty corner”. Also awaiting quotes for repairing these areas. Consultation of ANPS community to continue.

### **5.3. Supporting Quality Learning:**

The acquisition of new and refurbished laptops has commenced with 10 allocated to Mr Collins’ room and an additional 20 refurbished laptops to be delivered. The laptops are windows based and not MACs and the vision for the school is to have 130 laptops allowing easy access to students. Lifespan of PC’s 3-5 years or longer.

#### **5.4 Grants:**

Amy Miller gave an update on the local grants available through Leichhardt Council. There are large and small companies offering grants: NAB, Coles landcare, Stihl, eco grants with some applications due at the end of July. AM has also compiled a list of above grants with the aim of making them available for those interested on the P&C website. Leichhardt Council is running a "grant information session" on Thursday 19 June 2014 at 10.30am and 5.30pm in the Leichhardt Town Hall Supper Room which anyone is welcome to attend.

#### **5.5 Music: see attached report**

#### **5.6. Fundraising:**

**Motion on notice:** that the P&C authorises the fundraising committee to spend up to \$10,000 on preparation for the fete to cover costs of preparation, deposits, materials and other expenses necessary in advance of the fete. Moved by Ian Cranwell, seconded by Naomi Toy.

**Resolved:** that updated information will be provided at each P&C meeting on the amounts being outlaid in Fete planning.

**Disco:** It was an extremely enjoyable night for all and raised about \$8,500 (less expenses of approx \$1,500). Pen Bye moved a vote of thanks to the organisers of the disco (namely Lisa Chambers, Ali Donaldson and Sarah Taylor-Holmes) and all the many volunteers. Organisers are putting together an information guide on running the disco for future reference.

**Fete:** Fundraising committee met with volunteers on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June and have an overall plan for day, to be held on Oct 25, between 10am & 3pm. Fete will include, rides, silent auction, BBQ, basic food, popcorn and entertainment in the hall. Communication will come in the coming weeks about helping at the fete.

**Dad's BBQ:** the next Dad's BBQ is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Flyer to be sent home this week.

#### **5.7. Treasurer's report:**

Dawn Brown resigned as Treasurer and Naomi Toy moved a vote of thanks for her contribution to the P&C. Dawn, via email, thanked the school community and teachers, especially Ms Saba for the ongoing support given to the Brown family during this difficult time. **Resolved:** Julie Jorstad nominated Lou Dobbin as Treasurer and Chris Harris seconded, carried.

**6.0 New business:** Amy Miller presented the School business register, where businesses pay to be on the website with part of the fee to go to school. Further information to be given at the August meeting. So far approximately 20 businesses have joined.

**7.0 Correspondence:** Approximately 23 emails, the bulk about the fete, one from Jamie Parker, and one about Leichhardt council grants.

### **8.0 Motions on notice:**

*Motions on Notice (for August Meeting):*

**8.1.** That the P&C rule 18 be amended to read (additional words underlined):

Any motion to expend Association monies over an amount of \$200 must be placed on notice for the meeting at which it is to be considered.

NOTE: This has the effect of requiring a resolution on a motion on notice for expenditure over \$200 and a resolution (without notice) for under \$200. As per clause 16 of the constitution, no commitment shall be entered into for the expenditure of association funds, except by resolution of the association.

**8.2** The executive, by majority agreement, is authorised to expend up to \$500 between meetings of the Association on urgent and unforeseen necessary expenditure on Association business, in accordance with any relevant resolutions. Expenditure shall not be incurred under this resolution if the proposed expenditure could be brought to the next meeting of the Association. Any expenditure must be reported at the next meeting. of the Association. **Resolved:** that the Executive would provide examples of the need for this ahead of vote at the next meeting.

**Meeting closed at 9:25pm**

**9. Date of next meeting – 6th August, 7:30pm**