

KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting MINUTES

Monday March 13th, 2017

Meeting opened 7:15pm

Attendance: Jackie Sloan, Lingyan Christie, Beth Horner, Martin Walker, Luci Martin, Lauren Purcell, Jules Little, Klaas van Alphen, Ingrid Buchner, Serena Farrah, Delyse Wright, Deyelle Freaney, Kaye Middleton, Jane Flint, Fiona Stewart, Siobhan King, Belinda Laird, Melinda Prior, Michael Honeywood, Row Clarke

Apologies: Esther Burton, Melinda Hale, Rachael Peedom, Jennifer Buckley

Correspondence in and out -

Minutes from last month's meeting: approved

Business arising from previous meetings:

- Playground Update
 - > Slide installation and remainder of earthworks, timber work and construction of mulch pits and sand pits to be done in school holidays.
 - > KPS grandfather to help Siobhan, Kaye and Fiona to complete design and installation of top section
- Family Fun Night
 - > Stick with jobs as planned for previous date. **Ingrid and Belinda to support Serena with BBQ (Klaas to be backup). Large eskies to be picked up by Serena. Extra helpers needed to support Luci with pizzas. luci@ergosmart.com.au Michael to arrange dough and bases.**
 - > Talk for parents beforehand about teaching and learning in 2017- all welcome.
- Fundraising for 2017: Term 2 events to be organised (Movie night, Lions Club BBQ and Toyworld Christmas discount to be discussed next meeting)
 - > **Mother's Day Fashion Parade:** Friday 12th May (Friday before Mother's Day- week 3) for BYOA high tea and fashion parade in the school hall. Parents to donate slices and cakes, with communal sandwich making in the hall on the day. Parents can supply platters and cake stands. Tickets can be purchased for mothers and grandmothers. Staff, parents and other volunteers to model bridal wear and clothes from local stores. Lauren Woolley to sing to begin evening. **Contact Belinda to help organise** (organising will take place in a cafe/bar, possibly with chocolate and/or wine). belinda@lairds.com.au
 - > **Combined social event with SS Peter and Paul P&C:** An informal get-together for parents from our local schools. **Contact Jackie to help organise.** jacqueline.sloan@yahoo.com.au
 - > **Disco:** **De will find a date Term 2 or early Term 3.**
 - > **Men's Event:** **Martin to organise a Barefoot Bowls night in Term 3.**
 - > **Possible future fundraising:** Something sporty next year to coincide with Commonwealth Games.

- Facebook page
 - Thanks to Lauren Purcell for flyer-making and Facebooking! [Contact Lauren to give feedback.](#) lpurcell3@bigpond.com
- Air conditioning and solar panels
 - Initial assessment data needed on monthly and 24 hour cycle use - **Klaas to consider with Michael Honeywood**. Sun Funding is an NGO loan for solar panels- **Ingrid to look into**.
 - Air conditioning in the library is top priority, 4 top rooms near the hall are second priority.
- Parent contact lists (Fiona Stewart)
 - Fiona raised that contact lists are helpful for parents, either class or year lists. General agreement that this would be useful to organise this year.
 - **Kaye to organise with Jules and Delyse**, using Mail Chimp or similar. kayeis@exemail.com.au
- Funding for new school hall
 - **Michael Honeywood to talk to Gareth Ward**.
- Netball rings on the grass
 - **Michael Honeywood to talk to Mrs Blanch about possibility of netball rings on the grass area near the cricket nets**.

New business: move to first next time

- Flo Girls (Fiona Stewart)
 - Fiona proposed an optional before school program for Year 2-5 girls with a life coach, to teach girls to love themselves as they are, be assertive, not follow the crowd etc. Minimum of 12 girls with a possible maximum of 30. \$175 for 7 sessions in Term 2 (for 1 hour and 20 minutes). [See attached information and email Fiona with comments or questions.](#) fionastewart08@googlemail.com
 - Many parents present expressed interest in this program with general discussion about the number of mornings per week taken by language and robotics classes. Michael H discussed the difficulty of endorsing one program over another without a set of guidelines as to what can be approved. Classroom space is extremely limited in the morning so only a small number of before school programs can run. **Michael H to liase with Fiona about possible interest, numbers and space required**.
 - Option to do this program or similar off-site or on weekends. Michael H raised that we need to consider what families' needs are and whether programs are responding to established needs, or whether families are interested in programs endorsed by the school once they are made available.
- Interrelate (Serena Farrah)
 - Agreement that it is worth running every year, but to do it in third term to line up with Year 3-6 classroom lessons. **Serena to get in contact and organise**.
- Beautifying Quads (Deyelle Freaney)

> Beautifying Quad A had and has many benefits and could be repeated in Quad B. **Deyelle to find a suitable weekend and investigate paint situation with Belinda.**

- Thank you to Jackie (Belinda and us)

> *Jackie has been a positive, happy and bubbly president who has done a huge amount of work for KPS and the families and children who attend. Her work is much appreciated and all the P&C extend a very big thanks to our outgoing president! (Gift presented to Jackie on behalf of the P&C).*

Principal's report

Interim Reports : short guide for parents to indicate how the students have settled. It is not extensive but trigger a conversation that may have otherwise happened half way through the year. I acknowledge the extra work staff do on these.

Facebook page: thank you Lauren for joining the team. Some brilliant posts already. Today's one on "The Pit" was another super example of reaching out to the community to show what we are working on in classrooms.

Chaplaincy – Monty has started (Sick today) and we have targeted groups and individuals he will work with. You are entitled to a report on Monty's progress so we can ask him next term to outline his focus.

Dates of Staff development – Environmental Evening planned for staff last Monday term, Consultancy Maths course last Week Term 2 and planned joint Kiama Community of schools event on How2Learn pedagogy will be our prime staff development events – remember we are shifting the last two days or the year students finish Thursday 14 Dec and staff finish Friday 15th – no staff development day Term 3 start.

Harmony Day assembly Tuesday 21 March – celebrate cultural diversity. A recent audit found we have 62 students recorded as speaking another language other than English at home and there were almost 20 different cultures included. Assembly showcase these and celebrate their culture.

Big year ahead and end of term – Easter Hat parade, Family Fun Night, Cross Country carnival and three other excursions for different stages. My job is to prevent teachers burn out and to ensure parents aren't bombarded with too many costs at once.

Canteen Report

Financials: In 2016 the canteen made a net profit of \$8500.22. There is an outstanding amount with regard to Support trust purchases, Outstanding School purchase and assorted purchases for P and C such as iceblocks and canteen vouchers, which leaves us with a net profit of \$7155.20.

On Line ordering: A big thank you to Michael who has been invaluable to help to setup the online ordering.

It is progressing slowly but surely. Anticipation for online ordering to be up and running by term two.

Volunteers: A big thank you to all of our wonderful parent volunteers, without them the canteen would not be able to function.

Meeting concluded 8:35pm

Future meeting dates:

T2 8/5 (School) 19/6 (Sebel)

T3 7/8 (School) 11/9 (Sebel)

T4 23/10 (School) 20/11 (End of Year dinner - Hanoi on Manning)