

KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting MINUTES

Monday May 8th, 2017

Meeting started: 7:10pm Meeting concluded: 9:10pm

Apologies: Kaye Middleton, Fiona Stewart, Jane Flint, Melinda Prior, Luci Martin, Jackie Sloan, Lauren Purcell

Attendance: Michael Honeywood (Principal), Klaas van Alphen, Martin Walker (President), Belinda Laird (Vice President), Jenny Buckley, Ingrid Buchner, Deyelle Freaney, Serena Farrah, Jules Little, Siobhan King (Secretary), Kieren Corbyn (AP), Christie Lewis (Treasurer), Rowena Clark, Carla Quigley

Correspondence in and out

Minutes from last month's meetings: approved

New business

- **Social media, new communication ideas and grant (Belinda)**

- Closed P&C Facebook page could improve communication for P&C members. Need to be thoughtful about difficulties of social media (some members not on Facebook or not frequently checking Facebook) and be mindful about how problems/complaints are dealt with. **Siobhan to trial adding members to the group.**

- Government grant writing by Lauren: P&C approve seeking grant for STEM projects: Lego Robotics etc

- **Partnering with charities/other schools (Deyelle)**

- P&C raises a lot of money each year. Could we consider subsidising a program at a school in a lower socio-economic area? Could we support a local charity? The aim would be to share the resources that we have as a P&C but also to widen our children's awareness of the needs in our wider area.

- KPS already supports several charities through SRC, as well as the library regularly donating books. From a school's perspective, it would be difficult to publically support another school. We could support a charity which supports a school (eg a Breakfast Club)

- Garden program will involve students taking fresh produce to markets. Proceeds could go towards animals/seeds in remote areas in Australia or overseas.

Business arising from previous meetings

- **School Facebook page (Belinda)**

- P&C appreciate the number of posts- helpful for parents in reminding them what's on each day.

- KPS are ensuring that photos and video respect privacy of students and staff

- **Family Fun Night Debrief/Points to note for next year (Martin)**

- Games, MASH tent and facepainting were fun and really enjoyed by students and parents

- BBQ was successful in feeding people quickly, but pizzas need to be pre-ordered so people don't have to wait in a queue as this hampered socialising.

- Better to schedule this event at the beginning of the term

• Playground Update (Siobhan)

- Playground team are finalising invoices and considering budget for planting and last additions to playground throughout Term 2. Planting of trees will help with future shade. Need to think about summer play and shade in the shortterm (temporary shade structure?)
- KPS are working on getting students orientated to playground- rules, safety, education.
- Playground team working on an open day to show appreciation for all those who worked on the project and allow parents to try out the new play area. Considering a Friday afternoon (no food, no fundraising) with a formal bit in the middle.
- One Bugle article has been submitted for publication to raise awareness of the 'why' behind the new play area. Further articles to be submitted to invite the community to be a part of the opening and thank those involved.

• Fundraising for 2017: Term 2 and 3 events

- **Mother's Day Fashion Parade (Belinda):** At school from 6:30 pm Friday 12th May. **Sandwich helpers in canteen from 2-4:30pm. Final setup helpers from 5:30pm.** Lots of prizes with raffle tickets on the night. **Tickets can be bought at the door.**
- **Mother's Day stall (Belinda):** wrapping on Tuesday 1:30-4pm for the Thursday stall. Thank you to Mrs Etherton for freeing up library to allow this to happen.
- **Disco (Deyelle):** No Wave FM sponsorship of discos anymore. **Siobhan to let Deyelle know about DJ who has done Kiama Preschool discos. Deyelle to plan disco for Term 3** and possible Movie Night for very early Term 4.
- **Men's Event (Martin):** Barefoot bowls for Father's Day. **Martin to talk to Christie about a deal through Kiama Bowling Club.**

• Netball rings (Michael)

- **Michael and Kieren to discuss placement and heights on two poles and hoops** to allow for a shooting space/half court on top and bottom flats. Thank you to Mr Corbyn for purchasing for us.

• Beautifying quads (Deyelle)

- Greenery and colour proposed to be added to the front of the Kindergarten block. Colour (as in Quad A) proposed to be added to Quad B and pots, seating and plantings proposed to be added to Quad A. **Deyelle to consider further.**

Principal's report

New Play area - decision was made for Bugle article to not mention any one specifically. This will come when playground opens formally. Thank Siobhan and her team for the work they did - frustrating but looking good thus far. Asked how long before open for all every day and can't answer definitely until we have final set up and queues for slide very long for stages.

Demountable finally arrived; working on it today, in it this week. Laid concrete path, NAPLAN, Thursday?

Online Canteen orders - started but a few minor hiccups that hopefully will be sorted so uptake increases.

ANZAC day - proud of student representation and the choir on the day

Japanese students visiting again -13 students Week 3 term 3.

National Walk to School Day: 19th May.

Commonwealth Games in Kiama Queens Baton - Monday 5 Feb 2018 - preparation as start of year- First week back, but anyone can nominate and go in the draw to be involved.

Kinder Orientation from now on. Numbers not certain until Term 3. We are not looking to expand but there are advantages in front office and grounds staff for schools over 500 students.

Hand-dryers being installed in the bathrooms. **Need to consider the noise for younger students and those with special needs.**

Stephen Heppell expert in best learning environments and conditions spoke to principals regarding best light, temperature - (18-21degrees) and even configurations of rooms. Eg sitting for over 20 minutes , CO2 levels rise in rooms and make students tired.

Air conditioning in classroom and **Solar Panel** increase to balance - investigation? **Klaas and Michael to meet to discuss.**

Canteen report (Lynne and Dani via email)

Online ordering.

- Canteen on line ordering commenced on Monday 1st May after a lengthy set up process. There were a few problems to be ironed out on the first two days after we went live but on Wednesday Thursday and Friday there were no problems.
- I would like to thank both Michael and Kieran for their invaluable help in setting up the system and a big thank you to Laura Langdon for setting up the link on the enews app.
- There will be no menu changes this term during consolidation of online ordering.

Recess trading.

- It was thought that we would have a recess trading again this term. Some ideas were sushi or pasta and sauce. Again mostly pre orders to save time with the food delivered to classrooms before recess.

Athletics Carnival.

- This event is scheduled for this term and we hope that we can have the canteen at the ground to sell toasted sandwiches, pumpkin soup, pies and sausage rolls, iceblocks and snacks.
- Children will still be able to order their lunch which will be brought down from the school canteen as the canteen at the ground is too small to prepare lunches.
- **We will need to call for extra volunteers for the day.**

Treasurers report

Christie is now authorised to use all systems and will be paying invoices and checking through wages. Thank you from P&C!

Future meeting dates:

T2 19/6 (Sebel)

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

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