



## **KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

### **PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

#### **General Meeting**

**Monday, March 21, 2016**

**Meeting started: 7:55pm**

#### **Attendance**

Leonie Glaessner (Secretary), Jackie Sloan (President), Belinda Laird (Vice President), Melinda Ellis (Vice President), Ingrid Buchner, Jo Eldridge (Treasurer), Melinda Prior (Assistant Principal), Michael Honeywood (Principal), Angela Seddon, Siobhan King.

#### **Apologies**

Fiona Stewart, Luci Martin

#### **New members registering for 2015**

Leonie Glaessner (Secretary), Jackie Sloan (President), Belinda Laird (Vice President), Melinda Ellis (Vice President), Jenny Buckley, Ingrid Buchner, Jane Flint, Angela Seddon, Siobhan King, Fiona Stewart (new member registering), Kaye Middleton, Serena Farrah, Luci Martin, Jo Eldridge.

#### **Business from Correspondence**

Thank you card from Sally Rogers for retirement gift  
Fundraising flyers (Siobhan to now check mailbox and pass on flyers with viable ideas).

#### **Past last meeting minutes**

Passed  
Minutes will now be available only through the website.

#### **Business arising from previous meeting:**

##### **1. Playground equipment/design**

- Quote from Forpark for \$53 000-\$54 000 for climbing equipment to access tunnel slide, slide, stone pathway and landscaping (including \$18,000 for soft fall at top/bottom of slide).
- Quote from Create Escape for \$53 000 for sandstone amphitheatre the length of the basketball court plus decking seats, landscaping, mulch pits and levelling area around tree. Cost is largely in the rock, so price can be reduced considerably with lessening amphitheatre area.
- Mr Honeywood to confirm total funds available.  
Possible school contribution = \$20 000 + P&C = \$25 000.  
Total maximum playground budget likely=\$45,000

- Siobhan, Fiona, Angela and Kaye to meet with Mr Honeywood and confirm budget and finalise design. Consider using local suppliers and re-using materials donated by local developers. Invite Steve Lewis and Stuart Hall to give ideas and discuss parameters. Consider how students can be involved. Other interested parents are very welcome to give ideas, feedback and assistance.

## **2. Family Fun Night**

- Great turnout for a fun night with the school community. Thank you to the staff who organised family activities and to parents who organised and cooked the BBQ - over \$500.00 was raised.

## **3. Hot Cross Bun Drive**

- This was a successful fundraiser thanks to all families who ordered and Jenny Buckley, Kaye and Ingrid who organised forms, money and orders. \$414.00 was raised.

## **4. Fundraising for 2016**

- Term 1: Hot Cross Buns, Easter Raffle (Lynne)
- Term 2: Mother's Day Stall (Lisa W)
- Term 2: Olympathon (Melinda E) in combination with the athletics carnival on 24 June. Mr Corbyn and Luci Martin suggested as those who may work with Melinda. Other volunteers very welcome.
- Term 3: Movie Night/Disco: only possible if volunteers come forward to organise and run.
- Term 3: Hypnotist Night - Belinda L to organise with 2 others. Steve the Spellmaster looks likely.
- Term 3: Father's Day Stall (Lisa W)
- Term 4: Kiama Toy World Toy Drive
- Term 4: Seaside BBQ - Leonie has confirmed two dates in October are available, thanks to Leonie for organising. Monday 17 October (long weekend) may be the best date. Parents are required to fill timeslots for cooking and selling throughout the day. Suggestion that dads be called upon (already some interest, Angela to follow up). Helpers also required to buy sausages and drinks.
- Lions Raffle - will not be occurring this year. However a school run raffle should be considered as a future option as this type of fundraising is very profitable.
- Other suggestions - Children's art auction/sale, chocolate and wine night, Giant Slide (at school), weekend car wash on school flats (these events would require volunteers to organise).
- Language classes - Mr Honeywood confirmed with OOSH they do not wish to pursue this, and are happy for the P&C to. P&C seeks expressions of interest from someone willing to coordinate a possible language program. Jo Eldridge keen to discuss further.

### **President's Report:**

- As per AGM Minutes

## Principal's Report:

1. School Report - by end of term the ASR will be on the website with new format showing overall of school progress. Note changes include School Excellence Framework and comparison. *MySchool* website is up for comparison too now.
2. School closed dates - Staff Development days at the end of the year; Monday 19 December and Tuesday 20 December will be completed over 4 evening sessions in the first two terms as this provides better time to plan, prepare and implement change. CONSIDERING also not having Staff Development Day start of term 3 (Monday 18 July) and shifting the day to the last Friday, 16 December as our Staff Development day. So school ends with no students on Friday. This is exactly the same amount of time (in fact evening sessions give us greater planning time) and the shift of the SDD means families would not need to cover student care the Monday start of term 3 but will need to cover it in lieu of for Friday 16 December.
3. Interim Reports feedback - reminder these are only meant to be a quick reflection of how students have settled into year. Not mandatory but KPS only.
4. Japanese Student visit term 3 - require families to host students over 4 nights Saturday 31 July - Wednesday 3 August. This has been a big success last two years but we struggled to get all students hosted. Need to know if we are interested asap for planning.
5. Play Equipment - acknowledge the work by team especially Siobhan in finding the best option for the school. Staff aware of options and have copies as from today.
6. Bulima AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) - covers Kiama area. Meeting twice a term at different schools. Last month at Minnamurra PS and 31 March at KPS, starts 4pm. Opportunity to find out what initiatives are happening in the area and share resources, ideas and interest.
7. Buddy Bench - Bunnings donating the bench and paints so on Thursday we have a new buddy bench that is an actual bench we can move (at present a sign that moves over seating area).
8. Kitchen Kart - request to lend it out. Concerned it is easily damaged. Not like a BBQ and transporting on trailer or ute is a concern.
9. Fundraiser Idea – of *Olympic type day for Athletics Carnival* is very possible. Need details of what it may look like. Consider flag raising ceremony and maybe activity prior to the athletic carnival. Talk to Mr Corbyn if you want it to happen.
10. Kiama Show - requesting how schools can be more involved (timing an issue due to weekend before we return from school). Considering running events and competitions throughout the year and showcasing at the Show.

## Treasurer's Report

- Family Fun Night was profitable
- Canteen doing well
- Hot Cross Buns raised some money
- Details of financials and Treasurer's Report tabled

## Canteen Report

- Danni Gilles is the second coordinator, starting Term 2 for two days a week
- Two special Recess trading days a Term
- Year 6 children are really helpful to Canteen staff
- All shifts covered by volunteers but extra volunteers encouraged as backup

## **New Business**

- Uniforms will be discussed at the next meeting
- Discussed the suitability of 'Mary Jane' and other hard-soled shoes for Cross Country training in Term 1 and communication with parents about preference for children to wear black sneakers on days where training is planned.
- Some new families expressed concern with lack of organised social activities for families/children. Discussed the need for parents to be year coordinators and take responsibility for creating a parent contact list and organising 'catch ups'. Particularly important for Kindergarten families. Discuss further at the next meeting.
- Children experiencing difficulties in the playground need to talk to their class teacher, as do parents whose children communicate difficulties. Budd Bench may also be helpful.

**Meeting finished at 9:00pm.**

## **Future meeting dates:**

Term 2: 16 May  
Term 2: 20 June  
Term 3: 8 August  
Term 3: 12 September  
Term 4: 24 October  
Term 4: November 28 - (end of year dinner)