



KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

Monday October 26, 2015

Meeting started: 7:00pm

Attendance

Jackie Sloan (President), Belinda Laird (Vice President), Melinda Ellis (Vice President), Luci Martin, Ingrid Buchner, Jane Flint, Jo Eldridge (Treasurer), Melinda Prior (Assistant Principal), Amanda Koorey, Serena Farrah, Sue Carney (Assistant Principal), Laura Langdon, Monty Badami, Fiona Stewart (new member registering).

Apologies

Leonie Glaessner (Secretary), Michael Honeywood (Principal), Debra Cribb, Michelle Springett, Ellie Webb, Esther Burton.

New members registering for 2015

Fiona Stewart

Business from Correspondence

Nil

Past last meeting minutes

Passed

Presentations

1. **School website:** (Laura Langdon)
 - Newsletter access discussed
 - Discussed School eNews subscription being lower than we would like - Laura will look for opportunities to remind people to engage this way through a flyer, that also asks are you subscribed to School eNews? Look in junk mail and spam.
 - Link from facebook to newsletter each Wednesday - Dean to be advised by Amanda but not expected every Wednesday (whenever he can manage it).

2. **School Chaplaincy - year in review:** (Monty Badami)
 - This role provides many programs that target different needs. Eg. music, movement and drama. The aim of these programs is to use activities to develop problem solving, resilience, team building and generally to build on children's social capital. Teachers identify the needs within their class and the appropriate program is chosen and tailored to work on these issues. Apart from general class programs, this role has targeted kids in need of specific programs such as enrichment.
 - The program is funded through a Government grant and allows for two days of employment. The P&C association procures employment. Funding for the next three years has been applied for.

Business arising from previous meeting:

1. **Disco:**
 - Fun night for the kids with a great sense of community, as commented by the radio station, Wave FM.
 - \$1 000 raised (NB. this includes pizza \$ raised).
 - Great to have won this opportunity and not to have to organise the dancing and music.
 - Serving pizzas has become our tradition. Was difficult due to increased numbers at the school. Future events require payment for food, multiple choices of food and more parents to assist with providing the food.
2. **2016 expenditure:**
 - Any ideas can be suggested from parents or teachers for our 2016 expenditure. With the guiding principle that parents that raised the money should benefit from the money raised.
 - We have approximately \$30 000 (some already utilised in 2015) to spend in 2016 based on 2015 fundraising.
3. **Playground:**
 - At this stage the main 2016 expenditure will be on new playground equipment to assist with utilising the space and the growing numbers in our school.
 - The playground would be shared for all Stages, possibly on a rotation basis between Stages.
 - Expenditure available for playground is approximately \$30 000, with the School able to also provide a contribution.
 - Jackie and Belinda will consult with providers and School to suggest some options for consideration in 2016.
 - Can Men's Shed be involved? Jackie will follow up (Ian Yabbsley).
 - What shade options can be considered?
4. **Outdoor Classroom update:**
 - Thanks to the Ellis family for their winning of the \$25 000 Kitchen Kart for use in the Outdoor Classroom.
 - Components include a sink, oven, hotplates, storage, equipment as well as lessons linked to the national curriculum to assist teachers in using the facilities.
 - Arrives this week.

5. Language classes:

- P&C investigating the employment of a language Teacher for a 1 hour class from 8:15am-9:00am on 1-2 mornings per week. Approximate cost would be \$10.00 per class, paid for the Term up front.
- Teacher engaged would be paid an award amount.
- Content and size of class would be discussed with the Teacher employed.
- Commence Term 2 and trial for 1-2 Terms to ascertain viability.
- Melinda Ellis to look into award, selection criteria and advertising of position.
- Will need to liaise with Out Of School Hours care (OOSH) regarding this.

6. Kiss and drop zone re-education:

- Thanks to Dean for updating the educational material, Melinda Ellis for printing and Kieren Corbyn for distributing to parents and carers using the 'Kiss and Drop' zone last week.
- The information is located in the Front Office 'notes home' folder if more copies are required.
- The zone has been running well, with the exception of early arrivals in the afternoon, who try to sit and wait in the zone.

7. Uniform:

- Jackie to meet with Deb Cribb this Term or Term 1 in 2016.

New business:

1. Fundraising:

- The toy catalogues did not arrive (thanks Mel Hailes for trying).
- Kiama Toyworld has been approached to ask if they would be interested in a loyalty program through to Christmas where an agreed percentage is donated to the school from purchases made. Jackie Sloan has liaised further - 10% of purchases to go to our school, Dean has kindly agreed to do a flyer about this.
- The Steam Train ride on October 25 raised \$1200 in ticket sales for the school. A further carriage has been booked for Nov 8 with ticket sales again going to the school. Thankyou to Andrew Sloan for bringing this opportunity to our attention.
- 2016 Kiama Calendar - Dean Koorey and Phil Winterton supporters/members of our school community are publishing a calendar. This calendar will be available for purchase via a flyer home and a % to be donated to the school. These two artists have provided many hours of free time and resources to our school via photography and graphic design and on this basis we have decided to support this project. Not all commercial projects are in the interest of our school or are conducted by people who have supported our school so generously.
- Each commercial activity the P&C is presented with will require consideration by the P&C Executive as to its benefit for the school community when using it as a marketing tool.

2. 2016 Fundraising:

- After a very active year of fundraising, 2016 will be more low key in fundraising activities, with any ideas open to be submitted - none are scheduled as yet.

- Considerations are sought for a fundraising activity for children in Term 2 and an adult fundraiser in Term 3 or possibly early Term 4.

Summary of P&C for 2015:

1. In 2015 the P&C has achieved the following through the activities of its members and the parent community:
 - Raised approximately \$26 000 and encouraged community spirit within our school through:
 - Walkathon
 - Trivia Night
 - Mothers' Day/Fathers' Day stalls
 - Wave FM Disco
 - Movie Night
 - Steam Train ride
2. Encouraged school participation and communication through its voluntarily run 'We Love Kiama Public School' facebook page - which currently has 430 likes.
3. Funded from fundraising:
 - iPads for classrooms
 - Dedicated Science Room - \$10 000 donated for set up and resources
 - Outdoor Classroom
 - Living Classroom
 - Chaplaincy program
 - Science Show for all KPS students
 - Anti Bullying show for all KPS students
 - Kindergarten bags purchased for all kinder students each year
4. Improved the Canteen menu to ensure our healthy lifestyle values are being reflected.
5. Participated in recruiting new staff for the school.
6. Revived Quad A in glorious colourful murals.

Principal's report:

Michael Honeywood was unable to attend due to personal circumstances. The following was messaged through prior to meeting:

- Melinda Prior and Sue Carney will be at P&C meeting in the relieving position.
- I gave them some play equipment brochures I received in Sydney last week that look wonderful.
- I don't have a report but I did want to thank Melinda Ellis for the prize of a Kitchen Kart and it will be delivered to school Friday but the opening will be the following week as they want to do some publicity around it.
- Also last week we purchased a 3D printer; Mr Kirk manages this new exciting device and the children have been amazed already.
- Grandfriends/Grandparents Day - thank you so much to all P&C who helped on day which had great spirit. We are up for ideas to improve 2016.
- Kinder Orientation in full swing and Playgroup moved to Tuesdays - now have three kinder classes for 2016.
- If parents know others enrolling into any year group in 2016 at KPS, please let us know for planning circumstances (or if moving away).
- World Teachers' Day this Friday so be nice to these lovely people.

Treasurers Report:

- Fundraising in Term 3:
 - Fathers Day stall \$1 100
 - Trivia Night \$9 050
 - Wave FM Disco \$1 000
- For Term 1, 2 and 3 of 2015 we have raised \$25 000.
- Annually we fund - Science Show, Anti Bullying show etc, which costs \$10 000.
- \$30 000 unassigned with a \$10 000 contingency.
- The budget is formed from the combined General P&C and Canteen account.

Canteen report:

- Fruit day low sales - too healthy?
- Lack of volunteers - request going out via flyer.
- Approved free lunch orders for kids of parents when they volunteer as an incentive to increase volunteer numbers.
- Ingrid to discuss Vicki Robb replacing Lynn on the Mondays as required.

Meeting finished at 9:15pm.**Future meeting dates:**

All helpers welcome to come or contact to express interest to help in any activity, it is not necessary to attend P&C to help run activities.

2015 dates:

Term 4:

Nov 30 - end of year dinner

Planned meeting dates for 2016: (to be confirmed at end of year dinner)

Term 1: General meeting Feb 8 and March 21 (General meeting and AGM)

Term 2: 16 May and 20 June

Term 3: 8 Aug and 12 Sept

Term 4: 24 Oct and Nov 28 - end of year dinner

2016 Events:

Family Fun Night - planned for Feb 12