

Schofields Public School

P&C Meeting

6th May 2019

Meeting opened 7.01pm in Schofields Public School Staffroom

Meeting Minutes passed by – Amba McCrudden Fiona Watson

Attendance: Belinda Malec, Amba McCrudden, Emma Voss, Kayleen Glover, Ajay Singh, Parmeet Kaur, Johl Storey, Colin Ross, David England, Fiona Watson, Nicole Burton, Anne Irvine, Annemarie Herrmann, Alison Woodbury, Leanne Southers, Radhika Jain, Kim Verheyen, Rahul Shinde.

Apologies:

Matters arising from last meeting

- Sculptures – emailed but no dates advised
- Athletics commencing in a few weeks
- RE: Grants – contacted council in regards to community project grant

Mail

- NIL

Treasurers Report

Main - \$17,362.95

Business - \$47,126.68

Canteen - \$8845.21

Canteen

- 1 of the freezers broke down again. Enquire about a company taking it away FOC. Will still sell remaining one for \$750.

Banking

- Radhika needs to complete form so her online login will work.

WHS

- Soil is eroding has been rectified.
- School is growing and current shelter is not big enough for the number of students. Colin to consider more shading as needed.

General Business

- Earn & Learn Woolies box looked great on the first day, next day was gone. Store had put out box incorrectly but since been advised a new box has been erected. Enquiries to be made about putting one at Rouse Hill Woolies as well.
- Federal election May 18th. Hold a BBQ? Amba is unable to co-ordinate and we need volunteers for shifts between 7am-3pm. A note will be sent out in the newsletter.
- Kiss and Ride needs policing. Parents/Carers are waiting for over ½ hour.
- Walk to school day. Teachers will be strategically placed around the area to direct children into the school grounds safely.
- School photos received negative feedback on Facebook.
- Parent forums/patches/extensions to be added to P&C meeting minutes – subjects to be decided and advised on agenda.
- Reports to be delivered Term 3 week 1, with parent teacher interviews to follow. A note to parents will be issued explaining the new process and reasons.
- 5/6 camp note? Is there one coming to update the parents?
- Grandparents Day and parade Feedback – not enough seating and elderly forced to stand. Mrs Mark was the only teacher to walk a lap with the students inside and outside the hall which resulted in many parents not being able to see their child. Colin has advised that this was noticed and discussed on the day and will be run differently next year. Also, advice of toilets location was given too late and toilets also ran out of toilet paper.
- Can plant boxes be placed around the classrooms?
- Kayleen and Annemarie had 1hr meeting with Claudio about concerns with the new build. They discussed shade and getting quotes for it to back up to the grass area, costs to extend roofing from walkways to classrooms. Cost of guttering is too expensive and that is why it was not included in the pop-up school. Aluminium seating could have been retained. Lack of communication. Hold sessions with a 3D display of the new school.
- Felled trees to be kept.

~ Principal's Report ~
by AP David England

- Although there have only been 3 school weeks since our last meeting, a great number of things have taken place in the school:
- We had our second Principal's Assembly for the year in which several students received awards including three students who achieved their medallion, Abby Burton, Brielle McCrudden and Clarissa Suntara.
- We had our 3-6 and K-2 school Cross Country Carnivals which were very successful events and I would like to acknowledge Mrs Avery and her team for the 3-6 carnival and Mrs Gairns for the K-2.
- In the last week of term, we also held open classrooms as a part of Grandparents Day, giving students' extended families the opportunity to join them and take part in lessons. Many families also enjoyed a picnic morning tea and took the opportunity to play with their children in the playground during the break period.
- We held our Easter Hat Parade which the students thoroughly enjoyed. This event was very well attended which is testament to both the growth the school has experienced as well as the support of our parent community.
- Due to growing numbers, we started a new Kindergarten class, KA, with Mrs Ridden as the teacher and Mrs Turner now covering Kindergarten RFF and Mrs Faccin's Fridays.
- Owing to the council roadworks, one of the school kiss and drops was moved to Station Street and a new pedestrian gate added there. This has increased the number of cars we can accommodate in kiss and drop and reduced congestion in front of the school.

- On the last day of term we held our ANZAC Day assembly utilising our new flagpole as well as the generous donations of flowers from our school community. Students engaged in lesson about the history and significance of ANZAC Day and were wonderfully respectful during the assembly. Also, the school choir did an amazing job and delivered a very moving performance.
- Sadly we had to say goodbye to some members of staff at the end of Term1. Mr Chau has begun training with the Australian Army reserves. Ms Evans and Ms De Amelia who were previously teaching Stage 2 and 3 RFF had outside commitments that meant that they are unable to continue their roles but we will hopefully see them as casual teachers during the term and Ms Canderle is exploring opportunities outside of the school.
- During the break all staff were busily working on developing engaging units of work for the students in Term 2 as well as preparing professional development for staff in order to continuously improve the opportunities and environment we provide students. This begun on Staff Development Day and staff engaged in sessions on how to better utilise technology in the classroom, specifically iPads, we also worked on establishing learning goals for students as part of our future focussed learning strategies as well as developing individual education plans for students.
- We also had a pleasing turn out of students to the dawn service on ANZAC day at the cenotaph in Riverstone where our captains laid a wreath and thank you to Mrs Yarham for joining me for the early start.
- To start Term 2 we welcomed some new staff. Ms Kemp began on 5/6H, taking over from Mr Chau. Ms Dorne and Ms Mitchell have taken over the Stage 2 and 3 RFF roles. Ms Chodisetti will be working with our EAL/D students. We have also begun work with an EAL/D consultant in order to better meet the needs of students with non-English speaking backgrounds.
- The school Facebook page was launched and is up and running. The purpose of the page is to celebrate school events and student achievement. It is not a notification forum – we will still be using the SchoolBag app for that. The pinned post on the page sets out the rules of engagement for the use of the page.
- Teachers have begun using our new awards system. Mrs Parker has worked very hard establishing equivalency between the old system and the current one. 4 awards will be handed out a fortnight. PBL and bronze awards will be handed out at Stage assemblies. Silver and gold awards as well as medallions will be handed out at Principal's assemblies. Teachers will track the awards on Sentral but students will still be required to bring in awards. 3-6 have already had all this explained to them last week and Mrs Parker will explain it to K-2 this week before their assemblies.
- Winter PSSA commenced on Friday where we are competing in Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Netball, Rugby League and Newcombe Ball.
- With regard to the new build, there will be an information booth at the school on Thursday 16 May from 2:30pm to 4:00pm where they will happily field questions from the community.
- And, of course, today we welcomed back Mr Ross from his travels.

Meeting closed 8.06pm