



## **Ardross Primary School P&C Association Meeting Minutes**

General Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.15pm in the Staff Room

### **1. Welcome**

In attendance: Charlotte Oliver, Alice Brennan, Rachel Crawshaw, Anna Belton, Cindy Webster, Alex Smith, Kim Khoo, Sue Mikkelsen, Tony Mirabella, Kelly Siebel, Paul Teoh

Apologies: Claire Greenwell, Sarah Brown, Amanda Kayser, Zoe Atkinson, Marnie Langford

### **2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

**Resolution:** That the minutes of the meeting of Ardross Primary School P&C Association held on Mon 8th April 2019 at 7.15pm be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record. Carried.

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **3.1 In:**

- 3.1.1 Letter from the Department of Education, regarding the WA Teaching Awards nations are required before the end of May. Charlotte Oliver will review and communicate with the P&C before the next general meeting
- 3.1.2 Letter from WACSSO advising that no nominations for a State Council Representative have been made for the south of the river region and so we currently unrepresented. If anyone would like more information or to discuss how to nominate, please contact Charlotte Oliver for further details
- 3.1.3 Various prizes are being received for the Trivia Night in response to the donation request letters sent out. Charlotte detailed the business approached and prizes received to-date in a hard copy excel spreadsheet during the meeting

3.2 **Out:** 5 groups of parents from Kindy to Year 1 attended the February meeting and have not since returned. Charlotte Oliver and Sue Mikkelsen sent a joint letter to thank them for their attendance and ensure they feel welcome to attend again anytime

### **4. Phased improvement of internet connectivity and tech capability**

- Tony Mirabella thanked the P&C for opening up this discussion. The Department provides a certain amount of ICT, however it is up to the school to maintain and improve it for the benefit of students. It costs \$215K to run the school on an annual basis and money for devices such as iPads and laptop trolleys are not covered solely by this budget, hence extra provision needs to be made to

expand and enhance our tech facilities. The 10MB of bandwidth that we currently receive is insufficient for our use

- Tony explained the huge benefits of implementing devices into our classroom learning – it visibly enhances and engages learning amongst students
- Tony proposes a 2 year plan where we acquire 1 set of iPads, 6 smart TVs and get the WiFi/network overhauled with a total estimated cost of \$17K that could be implemented over 3 phases.
- Tony will firm up the proposed costings and submit a final request for funding to for the executive committee meeting for approval week commencing 20.05.19

## **5. Position of P&C Treasurer**

- 5.1. Charlotte Oliver moved the nomination of Paul Teoh to become Treasurer. Quorum voted unanimously in favour.
- 5.2. Paul Teoh will aim to compile a Treasurer's report within the next week and present at the forthcoming executive committee meeting

## **6. Treasurer's Report (motion that it be adopted)**

- 6.1. We have no recent Treasurer's Report, however Executive Committee Meeting will be held shortly to move that it be adopted

## **7. Other Reports**

### **7.1. President**

- Charlotte thanked Paul Teoh for stepping up as Treasurer following Eve Tweedie's resignation
- Charlotte will plan to feature Paul Teoh and Alex Smith as part of the "meet the team" introductions in the May P&C newsletter
- The new P&C Facebook page has now generated more than 100 followers. We are now gaining a greater reach through posts being shared
- Woolworths continue to be a very valuable supporter of the school and will be contributing food on both Walk To School Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May and at Election Day's Democracy Sausage on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May
- With the advent of WACSSO's new celebration day for all P&Cs, Charlotte has proposed a Morning Tea event for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Being a morning event, the hope is that we can encourage more parents from the younger years to attend, accepting that evenings meetings can be tricky time-wise
- The Mothers Day Stall was run very successfully on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, raising a total of \$1182.10. All volunteers will be gratefully acknowledged in the next newsletter. Additional thanks to go to Bruce Ivers for donating the soil
- Preparations for the Trivia Night are proceeding well with lots of prizes coming in now, including Cockburn Ice Arena's party for 30 children worth \$750

### **7.2 Principal**

- Sue Mikkelsen wished to extend her sincere thanks to Robert Marshall, Tony Mirabella, Fiona Schaper and Denelle Ellery for their excellent leadership in her absence



- We currently have 399 students at the school. There have additionally been requests from international students and Sue has to take a very close look at the possible impact on our existing students of increasing numbers
- The 2018 School Annual Report is now online and semester reports will be issued in early June
- It has been a busy start to the term with PP-Yr2 Swimming now completed and NAPLAN just starting this week. The Yr6 3-Day Camp to the Swan Valley is now confirmed for 20-22 May
- Sue Mikkelsen attended a productive meeting with Melville Shire alongside Cindy Webster, Geoff Cooper and Paul Leech (ASHS) in a bid to improve safety of children crossing Riseley Street and using Links Road – a submission to Main Roads supported by City of Melville has been lodged.
- Sue Mikkelsen explained the Department of Education is acutely aware of a distinct lack of interest in teachers wanting to become principals and is making provisions for this through a program developing strong leadership and governance

### **7.3 Environment& Sustainability**

- Alice Brennan has proposed that we make the Fathers Day Stall as sustainable as possible through selling plants.
- Additionally, as a sustainable fundraising idea, with the help of Kim MacIsaac, we could run a pop-up op shop event where school families are encouraged to donate clothes and come and shop
- Kim Khoo has given the remaining 'Stickybeak' re-useable lunch wallets to Fiona Schaper who will work with the Environmental Councillors to sell them to students; this will commence in Week 5 of Term 2

## **8. AOB**

### **8.1. Cindy Webster – Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' and Road Safety Update**

- Cindy Webster has set up collection boxes at Garden City, Bull Creek and in the school reception. Cindy is considering moving the Bull Creek one to Stock Road store in order to generate more support

### **8.2. Anna Belton – Class Parent Rep Communication**

- Sue Mikkelsen is meeting with Class Parent Reps at 10am on Tues 14<sup>th</sup> May

### **8.3. Alice Brennan – Democracy Sausage for Federal Election**

- The polling station at school will be open from 0800-1800. Alice proposes we provide bacon and egg muffins, sausage sizzle, soup and cake stall. It would be helpful to have more volunteers and cake donations so this will be communicated to the wider school community this week

## **9. Next Meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.15pm**

## **10. Close: Meeting closed at 8.50pm**