

MINUTES

JULY 2015

TURRAMURRA NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Meeting held at 237 Bobbin Head Road,
North Turramurra 2074

In S3 Hub, 7:30pm on Wednesday 15 July 2015

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies – Andrew Brightmore, Sandra Calder, Max Schreiber, Catherine Duncan, Alex Berthold, Sue Baker, Melissa Nikkhah, Jen Collins

Attendees – Bree Alami, Fiona Dennis, Kris Grant, Philippa Gordon, Wendy McKasah, Karin van Heerwaarden, Karin Haleblian (principal representative).

Meeting chaired by Wendy McKasah & Philippa Gordon.

2. Minutes from previous meeting – Accepted.

Proposed – Bree

Seconded – Philippa

3. Matters arising from previous meeting –

- Andrew to complete the endorsement for Paul's nomination for an ASG Excellence in Teaching Award.

Andrew - I have completed the nomination endorsement for Paul.

- Andrew to talk to the head of the P&C association re the RAM equity and re-classification of schools issue and investigate options for joining forces with other schools in the area to see what, if anything, can be done.

*Andrew - I have contacted the P&C Association but no call back as yet. Will try again tomorrow. **ACTION – Andrew to follow up.***

- Bree to investigate options for a high interest account.

Bree - New Goal Saver Account opened (2 signatory account) attached to our cheque account. Interest rate of 2.90% pa if balance is increased by \$200 per month and only 1 withdrawal per month

- Alex to speak to Lynne to speak to the carers about being more vigilant to dangerous situations when supervising the children.

Bree - Lynne has spoken to the staff about this issue.

4. Correspondence

- Fundraising material.
- PAYG summaries and docs from the ATO.
- Emails regarding AGM of Fed of P&C.

5. Principal's report

Report

From Last Time:

- Asbestos Grounds remediation The plan for the works has been published on the website. As the work is at very significant expense, there has to be a public tender. TNPS has been advised that a successful tender will be appointed from week 5 of term 3 and work will commence Term 3 week 10 and finish Term 4 week 1. The majority of the works will take place during the school holidays.
- Playground Equipment – damaged by tree in late 2014 - The work has now been completed. There was one piece missing and contractors will add this part before the end of term. This was done in the school holidays.

General Business:

'i on the future' learning conference for public school teachers.

- Wednesday 17 June: Combined Schools conference at Cessnock East PS with neighbouring schools. Honeycutt and Jarvis presented a Keynote at this event for all local HS and PS. This has had a positive impact on the local community of Cessnock who also now has a relationship with TNPS.
- Thursday 18 June: iOTF Kids Conference. This was a day of learning for the kids. Kevin Honeycutt and Carl Jarvis were here for the day. 20 students from Hilltop Road PS collaborated with TNPS stage 3 students. Visited by teachers from Cessnock East as well.
- Friday 19 June: 360 teachers registered from 92 NSW Public primary and high schools: teachers, directors, IT specialists, independent schools, long day care centres
- It was a real showcase of TNPS and it cemented our presence as innovators in education.

- Thank you to the P&C for supporting the event: Andrew, Wendy and Phillipa. Andrew did a great job as MC of the hall keynote space.
- Kinder enrolments – numbers are looking healthy for 2016 at 50+. If you know of any families who are yet to put their child’s name down, please encourage them to do as asap as the school is already making plans for 2016 classes.
- Long Service Leave – Paul will take Long Service Leave weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3. Miss English in Week 2 and Mrs Rogers in Week 1. Paul will return from leave Monday Week 3, Term 3.
- YCDI – Focus on resilience all throughout Term 3. Linked with the BOUNCE BACK program (literacy based) and the YCDI resilience curriculum. Students will focus keeping things in perspective and remaining calm.
- Coding – In the news a bit lately, TNPS looking into having coding workshops offered at the school on a weekly basis for Stage 2 and 3. These lessons will also cover problem solving skills as well as literacy, numeracy and science concepts. Approx. \$5 per student. More information will follow via regular school communication lines soon.
- School Website and App – Used School Stream to develop an App for the conference that we will be implementing here at TNPS. This will seamlessly integrate with our school website making the communication between school and home easier.

Recent Events

- Walkathon – Thursday June 4th. A really great day. Kids had fun with many students completing 10-25 laps of 450m circuit. Funds raised were approx. \$9000. Information about students’ efforts is published in this week’s newsletter.
- SDD – Teachers had some professional learning using Mac Books to further understand the Mac environment and have looked into emerging technology and trends. Teacher’s planned experiences for the Kitchen Garden for T3 and prepared personal learning goals for the coming semester.
- Semester 1 Reports – went home with students Wednesday 24th June. Great results overall from all students. Teachers have used Semester 1 data to plan effectively for Semester 2.

Forthcoming events

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- Thursday July 16 – K-2 to Riverside Theatre for ‘Snugglepot and Cuddlepie’
- Sports in Schools will commence this Friday for K-6
- Tuesday July 21 – Musica Viva for K-2
- Wednesday July 29 – Education Day and Book Parade/Fair
- Monday July 27 – Debate (Roseville PS)
- Thursday July 30 – Year 6 to Move It filming day
- August 5-6, Lindfield Middle School Project. Led by Lilia Turner in conjunction with Lindfield PS, Lindfield East Killara HS and MVCS. Steve Sharp and his colleagues will be here at TNPS to work with Stage 3 during this visit.

Karin Haleblian
Assistant Principal
15.7.15

6. Treasurer's report

The financial statements for the Main P&C account are available upon request.

7. NTOOSH

Report

Lynne is working through the wait list and has offered 32 places to wait listed families. A few families left to contact and waiting some confirmations.
Demountable has become a bit of dumping ground from left over Conference. - need to remove some whiteboards and large wooden pallets.
No noticeable external installed lighting as yet, although we believe this is imminent.

Staff:

2 staff will be required to man the split room denotable which will be the older children for each ASC and BSC session.
Sproule family was donated a wall mounted TV which is wonderful. Hopefully will have that install in the cottage some time soon.
Staff will be wearing coloured vests for outside play and all still will have visible name tag lanyards.
Ntooshc trying to address parent concerns about children arriving and leaving external activities

Programming:

Programs this next fortnight are focussing around NADOC week and indigenous themes.
Children will be making bullroars and boomerang pizzas and exploring the themes for NADOC week.

Looking forward to welcoming our new 15 places each day from next Monday.
Next Committee meeting Wednesday 16th August at 6.45pm.

Other business

Karin H – Re items from conference left in demountable (mentioned in the NTOOSH report) – pretty sure there isn't anything from the Conference remaining there.

ACTION Bree – to check on the situation with whiteboards, pallets, things that need to be removed before OOSH can move in.

8. Fundraising

Report

Major fundraising event for Term 3 is the art show.

Melissa – In regards to the Entertainment books, I am still waiting on 10 books to be returned/paid for. I will send another reminder this week to those families.

Other business

Regarding Woolworths Earn & Learn Program – Wendy requested that the principal (acting), Julie Rogers, register the school for the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Committee will put a sign on the front sign at the school and have a box at the office. Karin H - she's okayed this and will make sure mention is included in the Turragraph.

9. Canteen

Report

Bunnings BBQ

Firstly thanks goes to all the families who volunteered for the BBQ including: Aaron Mahura, Kathryn Carey, Tony Galloway, Sandra Calder, Craig Chase, Kate Duncan, Dean Walker, Graham Leslie, Max Schreiber, Fiona Ambrosina, Ben Wu, Lucinda Chapman, Quyen Woodrow, Joanna Cassidy, Melanie & David Leever, Phil Gorfin, Peter Mercer, Philip Best, Paul Lipscombe, Sue Baker, Michael Loveday and Karl Berthold.

THANK YOU to all those that not only volunteered for more than one time slot but also to those who either stayed longer than their shift to help out or even came back to assist at a later time slot as well.

Mostly thank you to Tony Galloway, Aaron Mahura & Kathryn Carey who helped with the set up and Sue Baker, Paul Lipscombe, Karl Berthold & Michael Loveday for doing the clean-up shift.

With all the support and efforts of our school community we have raised an outstanding \$1200+ which will go towards keeping the canteen running. Your efforts are much appreciated. Without the ongoing support of all our volunteers the canteen would not be able to be a success.

Roster Assistant:

We still require the skills of a parent who might be happy to assist Rachael in the maintenance of the volunteer roster. So if you may have toddlers at home and therefore cannot physically volunteer however would be able to spare a couple hours per week to just ensure that S.O.S requests are managed quickly. This would be a great way to get to know parents so if you are wanting to get involved please let me know on krisandcody@gmail.com

FINANCIALS:

Still running at a loss however slowly bringing back and Bunnings BBQ was a great help.

ABSENCE

Julie will be away for foot surgery from 24 JUL for 2 weeks then must be off feet extra 4 weeks so will be at work however will need to sit.

Have contacted Ginny Fisher – awaiting reply to get relief for the 2 weeks. Will keep office staff advised if any changes to canteen services

Other business

Fiona – Regarding Julie being off due to foot surgery, she knows a former parent at the school who used to manage the canteen and who may be able to fill in whilst Julie is away. **ACTION** Fiona to see whether the former school parent and canteen manger would be available to fill in as manager whilst Julie is away.

Wendy – re Bunnings BBQ: for next year do we need to keep it as a canteen BBQ, could it be a general P&C fundraiser.

Kris – We investigated it last year and found that if the money from the BBQ were not to go to the canteen we would need to increase menu prices.

10. Band

No new update provided.

Financials available.

11. School Uniform Shop

Report

No new update provided.

Other business

Wendy – did the uniform shop end up extending its hours?

Bree – Yes. (No change to Kelly’s wage.)

Bree – request to investigate getting a long sleeve shirt for boys for winter, reinforced knees in long pants, and next ties.

12. Grounds

Report

Nothing to report since last meeting.

Other business

Philippa – Paul mentioned he would be sending out the design for the front of the kindy rooms to the school community for feedback.

Bree – will the noticeboard be going back at the entry.

Philippa - Paul mentioned possibly putting it back in a new location, on the south side of the entry area.

Philippa – Mural got finished.

13. Other Business

Wendy – Fundraising - P&C will no longer be accepting cheques for monies received for fundraising activities.

Kris – Canteen committee will be submitting a wishlist to P&C by the end of the year. Including getting a price for stainless steel bench to replace the bench at the serving area. And brighten up the back wall with a repaint.

Kris – noticed when going to the canteen to drop off goods on the Sunday afternoon after the Bunnings BBQ there was mess on the benches, including containers of food sold in the canteen, and doors open. Single key for the canteen - opens all doors.

Karin H – noticed issues with the audio equipment after a weekend

Wendy – the school needs to raise this with the church.

ACTION Karin H – To ensure that the school follows up on with the church re using the canteen and AV equipment.

*** End of meeting 8:50pm ***

14. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday 19 August 2015

Meeting dates for 2015

Term 3: 19 August; 16 September

Term 4: 21 October; 18 November

Meetings are held @ 7:30pm in the S3 Hub.