

Brooklyn Public School P&C Association Meeting

Wednesday 7 September 2016 from 6.30pm

Minutes

Please note – Agendas and Minutes for P&C Association Meetings appear on the Brooklyn Public School website

Attendees: Mark Agnew, Erika Croswell, Tim Shadie, Allan Barrett, Ingrid Segovia, Di Bowles, Diana Aitken.

Apologies: Katrina Roberts, Morven Cameron

1. Opening & Welcome

2. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 3 August 2016

Accepted: Mark Agnew

Second: Diana Aitken

No amendments

3. Business arising from previous minutes

Subject	Action	Who	Status
Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)	Tenders closed on Friday 29 July Start date to be advised (see Principals report)	Principal	Open
CAP Activities	Invoices raised to be distributed to families. Completion of inventory of instruments is ongoing. Handing out instruments – register.	Ingrid and Mark	Open
By-Laws	Contact P&C Federation regarding updating our By-Laws	Ingrid	Open

4. President's Report

We have had some successful fundraising events so far this year. Unfortunately we are also suffering from fundraising fatigue for some of our regular fundraising activities. We urgently need someone to take over the pub raffles or do something similar on a regular basis.

I attended the first of the Community Reference Group Meetings for the Brooklyn Masterplan.

We were introduced to the consultants, McGregor Coxall, who will be working to develop the plan. The purpose of the master plan is to create a comprehensive blueprint for the future of Brooklyn, taking into account all the factors that impact local residents and visitors.

Some questions that were canvassed at the meeting were:

- What do you love about Brooklyn and why?
- What would you change and why?
- What do you see as the greatest opportunity for Brooklyn as part of this process?

- Give these a thought. Discuss them with your family. I would be interested in hearing from you.

Keep a lookout for the Consultants at Spring Fair. They will have a stand set up. They really would like to hear from you.

Ingrid
P&C President

5. Treasurer's Report

7-Sep-16

Category	Cheque Account - Year to Date		
	Income	Expense	Balance
BPS	\$26.00	-\$1,794.44	-\$1,768.44
CAP	\$3,415.00	-\$1,900.00	\$1,515.00
Wakakirri	\$5,094.50	-\$3,353.30	\$1,741.20
Fundraising	\$12,705.15	-\$1,868.66	\$10,836.49
Interest	\$5.28	\$0.00	\$5.28
Sundry	\$1,539.00	-\$1,624.30	-\$85.30
Uniforms	\$4,336.00	-\$2,894.87	\$1,441.13
	<u>\$27,120.93</u>	<u>-\$13,435.57</u>	<u>\$13,685.36</u>
Cheque Account Balance 01/01/2016	\$16,512.75		
Funds movement YTD	\$13,685.36		
Cheque Account Balance	<u>\$30,198.11</u>		
Savings Account Balance 01/01/2016	\$10,515.58		
Interest	\$93.25		
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$10,608.83</u>		
Total Funds In both Accounts	<u>\$40,806.94</u>		

Biggest month ever – Trivia, Fathers Day, Wakakirri

Action:– Ingrid to confirm with Lissy that the proposed gifts have been actioned.

Request received from the school to pay for books. P&C cheque to be provided

6. Correspondence

Renewed certificate of currency – for information.

Insurance for Oxfam - Need to notify P&C Federation and register of volunteers on the day.

Process in the P&C notes to notify and keep a register.

7. Principal's Report

It is almost impossible to think that we are coming to the end of Term 3 and will soon be talking about end of year activities!

As has been mentioned in the newsletter, the COLA will be constructed in the upcoming holiday break. This is very exciting and we are currently making sure the area is prepared for its construction. The 'fort' is being removed from the playground as it was always a temporary structure and is too near where the COLA is to be situated. The finished construction will be 18m x 12m with six posts in total and a colourbond roof. The bubbler shed is to be demolished and the bubblers and taps will be relocated to the area between the toilet blocks. This area of the school will be a construction site for the two week holiday period.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Brooklyn Public School Trivia Night held last month. It was a great night and as per usual, everyone had way too much fun!!! The final tally of money raised is over \$9 000! What an outstanding achievement for the team and a great outcome for our school. It won't be too hard to think of ways we can spend these funds that will make a difference to the school!

Congratulations also go to the P&C for their efforts in raising money at the OXFAM Trail walkers starting line. They raised over \$1 000 on the morning and although it was an early start...it was well worth it!

Last month, Brooklyn Public School was very well represented by the students who performed in the Wakakirri event at Riverside Theatre. The students danced a story that reflected their real passion for the environment and its protection from excessive building developments. They danced extremely well and their story was well received by the audience. The school was also well represented by our choir which sang in the mass choir at the Arts Alive Choral Concert last week. Two very special occasions for our students. What a talented lot we have here at Brooklyn!

The NAPLAN results for our year 3 and 5 students have been collated. Our reading scores are at or above state averages. Writing continues to be an area in which we are developing the students' skills. It is a very difficult aspect of the English curriculum especially when there is a time limit on the test. We continue to encourage our students to write draft after draft, unfortunately a luxury they do not receive in NAPLAN. Numeracy scores are at or above state averages. These results are just part of the data teachers collect to inform teaching practices and certainly not always indicative of student potential.

The *iOnTheFuture4* conference held at Turrumurra Nth Public School last month was absolutely fabulous. Speakers shared their insights into how the future might look for our students currently in schools and what we will have to do to prepare them for the world they will be an important part of. It is critical that the teaching and learning practices that we adopt in classrooms, allow for our students to develop important capabilities and dispositions necessary for the changing world. Teachers can no longer be 'followers of yesterday'! The staff will continue to participate in professional learning opportunities that enable us to develop our capacity to assist our students to thrive and succeed with authentic, meaningful learning.

Our Project Based Learning experience has been thoroughly engaging students, staff and parents! We look forward to the exhibition of our cardboard box games and know that the students have gained many skills relating to team work and problem solving. This exercise has given the students an opportunity to go through the process of designing and making a product that will be of high quality and therefore appealing to its audience. It has meant many drafts and much redesigning has been necessary to achieve the desired end product. The Spring Fair at the end of the term will be the venue for showcasing our games.

One of the year's big events will be held tomorrow at Cowan Public School. The Writers' Festival is an exciting day for the students where they are able to participate in workshops with well-known authors and illustrators. They will be learning about how authors and illustrators get their ideas and produce great books. We thank Cowan and Brooklyn librarians for their efforts to make the day a wonderful success.

We met some of our new 2017 kindergarten students last week and it is wonderful to already have 11 names for 2017. The transition program commences next term which is an opportunity for the children to come and spend some time in the classroom and meeting some of our Brooklyn students.

Diana Aitken

Additional items discussed at the meeting included:

- Bubblers will be moved next to the toilet blocks.
- Diana will request post lengths to suit the high side of the ground.
- Also to request colours to match the school colour scheme.

- The P&C committed to working with the school to level the area under the COLA in the future.
- P&C to look at the next round of the Community Grants for levelling and prepare a plan.

8. Uniform Shop Report

Uniform Shop Monthly Report 2016							
Month	Value in stock (wholesale)	Value in Stock (sell price)	Qty Sold	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Year to date Balance
January			21	\$ 422.00		\$ 422.00	\$ 422.00
February			52	\$ 928.00	\$ 192.96	\$ 735.04	\$ 1,157.04
March			64	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 169.51	\$ 1,018.49	\$ 2,175.53
April			44	\$ 886.00		\$ 886.00	\$ 3,061.53
May			57	\$ 1,031.00	\$ 2,470.40	\$ 1,439.40	\$ 1,622.13
June			17	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00	
July			10	\$ 170.00		\$ 170.00	
August			10	\$ 220.00		\$ 220.00	
September						\$ -	
October						\$ -	
November						\$ -	
December						\$ -	
Year to date			275	\$ 5,195.00	\$ 2,832.87	\$ 2,362.13	

P&C Approved \$1200 for new stock

Mark to provide Erica an update of how much is left in the approved fund for uniforms.

Diana to let Erica know break down if boys and girls for new enrolments

9. Fundraising Committee Report

Ingrid to send a certificate thanks to RFS for their support in Oxfam trailwalker.

10. Grounds Committee Report – no report

11. Creative Arts Program (CAP) Report – no report

12. Hawkesbury River Child Care (HRCC) Report

Tim presented HRCC report.

Enrolments

Long day care/ occasional: 60/80 (75%) capacity

School age children 37/ 200 (18.5% capacity permanent bookings)

LDC is usually full on most days this late in the year. Families moving from the area have significantly reduced our enrolments this year.

Kids Club

Received a \$700 budget for resources. Which Anna is in the process of utilizing Vacation Care—we are looking at enhancing the program by using the Anglers Rest bus (has 10 seat belts) to access locations we cannot currently utilize via public transport (e.g. the Mt Kuring gai Sport centre)

Finances - Grants

HRCC received a \$3500 grant for preschool resources (applied for by Karina). The grant was applied for under the grounds that the forced closure of the KU (due to funding) left a need

for a high quality preschool program in the area. The funds have been used for high quality learning resources, open ended material, natural material, gross motor equipment, books, science tools and dramatic play toys to name a few things. The money has really inspired the staff to create exciting learning environments for the children, along with the \$15,000 grant we have received over the past 3 year for training and to upskill staff we are confident that HRCC has never delivered a higher quality program for the community than it is now.

Brooklyn Spring Fair and Markets 2016

- Date set 25th September 2016
- Rides booked
- Broomie has agreed to MC again 😊
- Petting Zoo
- Glenworth Valley pony rides
- Raffle and Pony poo
- Noddy running the beer and oyster tent (1/2 proceeds will continue to go to the P&C)
- Midday reptile show
- Massive amount of stalls including a 'Fashion Lane' dedicated to women, children and mens' fashion

We are also running a baked goods stall on the day of the fair.

We would like to invite the P&C, Brooklyn Kids Club families and the BPS community to support that stall, by donating baked goods and volunteering on the day to man the stall for a few hours.

We are also in consultation (via email) for the regional band to play, this will increase the amount of out of Brooklyn families attending the day. We have emailed Mal but wondering if anyone at the P&C has an 'in' to get a confirmation of the regional band's attendance. We really want to make this Spring Fair the most successful it can possibly be (hopefully the rain stays away this year).

David Broome will co-ordinate all entertainment.

Currently we have the BPS band, BPS Choir, Wakakirri and the School arcade stall.

We know that a lot of the parents that are on the P&C were once HRCC committee members, we welcome any feedback on ways to make the Spring Fair bigger and better, or any feedback in regards to the centre management.

I would like to also thank the P&C for their support of HRCC, Kids Club and the staff. We have had great help from so many parents throughout the last year, Ingrid coming in and gardening and teaching our children (and staff) about gardening and compost, Joel Isles helping lay the concrete for the new shed and the BPS staff for helping us sell our old shipping container for \$1000 which meant that rather than paying for its removal we were able to replace it for a new shed almost free of cost.

Action: Ingrid to involve HRCC in feedback for the Brooklyn Master Plan.

Action: P&C to try to attend HRCC meetings for information sharing.

13. Other business

- a. Tree report – No major finding. 1 quote for pruning.

- b. Naplan – addressed in Principal’s report
- c. SAM position – position open for external applications. Panel established for recruitment process. Advertising closed on Wed 31 August.
- d. Community Reference Group for Brooklyn Master Plan: Di handed over the School and P&C representation to Ingrid
- e. School survey
Action: Diana to initiate survey “Tell them from me (TTFM)”.
- f. Open day information sharing:
Action: Diana to share information presented on the day on the school website: School A-Z, and u-tube clip Kane’s Arcade.
- g. School plan – Plan to tidy up grounds
Action: Diana to get a landscaper to look at the area under the tree for improving access and aesthetics.
Action: Diana to investigate the cost of hiring a chicken pen.
Action: Ingrid to talk to Mark about possibility of working on a plan for future.

14. Close of business & next meeting date – Wednesday 2 November at 6.30pm