

Brooklyn Public School
P&C Association Meeting
held on
Thursday 3 March from 7:00pm (following Extraordinary AGM)

Brooklyn Public School Library
Minutes

Attending: Di Bowles, Ingird Segovia, Kate Glen, Diana Aitken, Mark Agnew, Sue Hanson, Alan Barrett, Morven Cameron

Apologies: Jillian D'Ercole, Michelle Armstrong, Sarah Clancy, Jane Jaggs

1. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 2 December 2015
 Corrections: Nil
 Moved: Di Bowles
 Seconded: Ingrid Segovia

2. Business arising from previous minutes

Subject	Action	Who	Status
Pavers	Sue to discuss payment requirements with Annette.	Sue	Complete
Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)	Waiting for final quote	Principal	Open
CAP Activities	Update the instrument library inventory	Catherine	Open
Donation request letter	Draft donation request completed. Timing for distributing and items to be specified to be considered at the next meeting	Principal/P&C	Open
Thank You Certificates	Organise printing of these	Kate G	Complete
Bathrooms	Requested quote for new taps, moving plumbing. Will get paper towel	Principal	Open
By-Laws	Contact P&C Federation regarding updating our By-Laws	Erika	Open
Touch typing	To review options of learning QWERTY in	Principal	Open

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Bus subsidies	To review the P&C financial obligations to the swimming busses	Principal	Complete

3. President's Report – No report

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Received and Noted
- b. Request for \$1500.00 for winter uniform stock
- c. PSSA Year 5 and 6 interschool soccer approve funds to a maximum \$800.00 for shirts
- d. Request to change bank account signatories to Mark Agnew and Ingrid Segovia and remove Di Bowles and Sue Hanson.

Moved: Di Bowles

Seconded: Morven Cameron

Note: need to pre approve annual expenses at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence - Nil

6. Principal's Report – Provided to informal meeting on 17 February 2016.
Welcome to the new year! They certainly do go fast when you're having fun! Hard to believe we are at the beginning of the year with new classes and new students to inspire and engage!

At the Staff Development Day Week 1, we all completed our mandatory CPR refresher course with St John Ambulance. We are also due to update our anaphylaxis training which will be part of our professional development sessions during the term. There are many course that the DEC expect all staff to attend which ensure that we are trained for the best response in an emergency situation. Recently the department issued memorandums as to what schools are to do if they are issued a bomb threat. The department holds the safety of staff and students as their number one priority.

The staffroom has had a complete renovation in the holidays and it is now a very nice place to work and spend time with colleagues. It certainly makes a difference when you make a cup of coffee knowing you won't see a cockroach every time you open a cupboard door! The space is open and light and we can store our resources in places that are easily accessible by staff. We are all most appreciative.

The classes that have been formed this year are in response to our drop in enrolment numbers. We currently have 93 children enrolled in the school. This means that we are only entitled to staff four classes. This is unfortunate for the school as it has meant that we have lost two very talented and inspiring teachers. Mrs Lauren Williams and Mrs Laura Coombes have secured full-time temporary

teaching positions in other schools. Mrs Rebecca Connolly will be job sharing my class 1/KA. Teaching staff have been moved around a little this year so to ensure we are always developing our craft and our understanding of the progression of students go through to develop necessary skills and capabilities. The students and teachers have settled in well and it is fantastic to observe the wonderful teaching styles that our school boasts. Our library and learning support entitlement remains the same.

Our term 1 staff entitlement does allow us to employ Mrs Penny Broome to teach an RFF (release from face-to-face) art program to all students. Having only four classes also means that we have a room that can be used as a dedicated art room. We are very excited about giving this opportunity to the students and we are working towards a school Art Show to display all the fabulous artworks!

The recent storms that have torn through Brooklyn certainly have left their mark! Some trees have been lost and some have had some natural pruning! A complete tree assessment has been carried out to determine the health of existing trees and a written report will be obtained shortly. Damages to the school property will be repaired as soon as insurance claims are finalised.

The implementation of the new school management system LMBR (Learning Management Business Reform) will start to impact our school in the coming weeks. This will mean some changes to the way we do things at school and the absence of staff members for mandatory training sessions. We will keep you informed as to how processes are changing and what this will mean to the way we gain and document vital information.

This year there will be some changes to the books that the students will need. We no longer require students to purchase published text books but will add a small amount to the school fee structure for exercise books for students from kindergarten to year 6. The spelling textbook, Sound Waves, was trialled over a period of two years and found to be limited in its treatment of spelling strategies. The teaching sequence which teachers implement in classrooms incorporates the explicit teaching of effective spelling strategies. Teachers use a range of resources for teaching all aspects of the English and Mathematics curriculums.

This year, we will be implementing the new History K-10 Syllabus and Geography K-10 Syllabus. We have participated in a number of professional development sessions and will continue to discuss these new syllabuses and how best to teach the content. As with all the BOS syllabus documents, there is a focus on deep understandings and developing 21st century capabilities.

It looks like this will be the year of the COLA, amazingly enough!!! Yay!! Talks with asset staff do encourage me to believe that action will be taken before the end of June. The location is currently the space beyond the toilet blocks. This will most likely mean the relocation of the vegetable garden. I am confident another suitable area can be found. Plans are being drawn up for an 18m x 13m structure with a curved corrugated roof. It is exciting but I am holding back jumping up and down with delight until I am standing underneath it!!

Last year we enjoyed a great deal of support from our broad, committed school community. It would be wonderful to think that again in 2016 we could continue to achieve greatness as teachers, students, parents and friends work together to prepare our young children for the world ahead of them.

Diana Aitken

7. Uniform Shop Report – No report, request for funds to purchase winter stock included in the Treasurers Report.
8. Fundraising Committee Report – no report
9. Grounds Committee Report – no report
10. Creative Arts Program (CAP) Report – no report
11. Hawkesbury River Child Care (HRCC) Report
P&C committee thank HRCC for the opportunity to comment.
The P&C asked for clarification of the '24 hours' Is it 24 hours i.e. 7am the previous morning, or by close of business the previous day? MC to follow up.
The P&C discussed the need to foster the close working relationship between the school and the centre.
12. Other business
Wakakirri – Kelly Mussett has offered to coordinate the event.
Di and Kelly will look to establish how many children might be interested in participating. Di to coordinate a suitable date and time to tell children about the previous event. Possibly Monday 14 March 2016.

Brooklyn Community Association - Recipe Book
It was discussed that the Brooklyn Community Association plan on putting together a Recipe Book based on your family's favourite dish. This will be a fun, book illustrated by Peter Davis will be sold to tourists and locals at a token price. Moneys raised will be used to finance planned, future community events. More details to come but start picking out your favourites to share! Please feel free to drop them off at the Brooklyn Pharmacy.

Brooklyn Community Association – community film
The BCA also requested that the children help with the making of a film with brief interviews of Brooklyn residents , from the young to the elderly and ask the question(*inspired by the old ABC 2BL radio show*): "tell me why you live, where you live?"
We would show the footage of these stories in a public forum hosted by the BCA and invite our local councillors to attend. We are hoping (given this projects relevance to the curriculum in HSIE, (both the NSW and new Australian) that your students may be able to film and interview the residents and each other?

Within our community there are an abundance of people with expertise in film and television and they would be approached to assist in the production and education of the process.

This short film will capture something of the identity of our village and become an important time capsule of our hopes and dreams before the implementation of the master plan and the first sod of soil has been turned.

This short film will reveal reflections by the residents and what they see for the future of Brooklyn.

13. Close of business & next meeting date – Tuesday 5 April at 6.30pm, Brooklyn Public School Library.