

Brooklyn Public School P&C Association Meeting

Wednesday 2 November 2016 from 6.30pm

Minutes

Note – Minutes for P&C Association Meetings appear on the Brooklyn Public School website

Attendees: Ingrid Segovia, Alan Barrett, Mark Agnew, Diana Aitken, Kay Lawrie, Sue Hanson.

Apologies: Morven Cameron Deb Aselford, Jane Jaggs,

Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2016

Moved: Alan Barrett

Seconded: Ingrid Segovia

Amendments: Diana Aitken present

Business arising from previous minutes

Subject	Action	Who	Status
Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)	Underway	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
Quiz Night gifts	Confirm with Lissy that the proposed gifts have been actioned.	Ingrid	Closed
Book purchase	Request received from the school to pay for books.	Mark	Closed
Oxfam Trailwalker	Send a certificate thanks to RFS for their support.	Ingrid	Open
Brooklyn Master plan	Involve HRCC in feedback for the Brooklyn Master Plan.	Ingrid	Open
Attending HRCC meetings	Member of the P&C to try to attend HRCC meetings for information sharing. AGM 30 Nov – Al Barrett to try to attend (Ingrid back up)	P&C	Open
School survey	Initiate survey "Tell them from me (TTFM)". Opens T1 2017	Principal	Open

Open day information sharing	To share information presented at the open day on the school website: School A-Z, and u-tube clip Kane's Arcade. In progress	Principal	Open
Plan to tidy up grounds	Landscaper to look at the area under the tree for improving access and aesthetics.	Principal	Open
Hiring a Chicken Pen	Investigate the cost of hiring a chicken pen	Principal	Open
A plan for the future	Ingrid to talk to Mark about possibility of working on a plan for future	Ingrid	Open
Quiz night	Auction items payments still outstanding.	Ingrid	Open
Memorial for Aunty Shirl	bronze bucket hat. Ingrid to talk to Jo about what sort of plant to put in place for her.	Ingrid	Open
Wakakirri	Diana to determine if we need to keep the sets for future. Ingrid to measure set boxes and area where the costumes are stored and to look at costumes and keep only those that are worth keeping.	Diana and Ingrid	Open

President's Report

No report

Treasurer's Report

2-Nov-16

Category	Cheque Account - Year to Date		
	Income	Expense	Balance
BPS	\$26.00	-\$2,053.67	-\$2,027.67
CAP	\$4,335.00	-\$1,900.00	\$2,435.00
Wakakirri	\$5,415.50	-\$5,175.30	\$240.20
Fundraising	\$14,444.30	-\$1,868.66	\$12,575.64
Interest	\$7.48	\$0.00	\$7.48
Sundry	\$1,539.00	-\$1,784.30	-\$245.30
Uniforms	\$4,336.00	-\$3,254.87	\$1,081.13
	<u>\$30,103.28</u>	<u>-\$16,036.80</u>	<u>\$14,066.48</u>
Cheque Account Balance 01/01/2016	\$16,512.75		
Funds movement YTD	<u>\$14,066.48</u>		
Cheque Account Balance	<u><u>\$30,579.23</u></u>		
Savings Account Balance 01/01/2016	\$10,515.58		
Interest	\$105.66		
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$10,621.24</u>		
Total Funds In both Accounts	<u><u>\$41,200.47</u></u>		

Wakakirri sets storage – funds to be returned for Wakakirri – determine what needs to be done with this amount once finalised.

Outstanding Band fees - List of ongoing items to support the school to be finalised.

Correspondence

- a. Federation of P&C Associations of NSW – Petition against the privatisation of Sport and Recreation Centres - noted
- b. Federation of P&C Associations of NSW – Inquiry into the provision of education to students with disability or special needs in government and non-government schools in NSW - noted
- c. Response from Hornsby Council regarding road safety on Brooklyn Road - noted

Principal's Report

I know I keep saying it, but how time flies when you're having fun! I know that we have been very busy doing so many wonderful things, but how we can we into Week 4 of Term 4, is very difficult to comprehend!!

The Brooklyn school community has been very saddened by the loss of a truly special member of the local community, Aunty Shirl. It was wonderful to see so many students attend her funeral and acknowledge the difference that she has made to so many young lives. She will be sorely missed by us all and Brooklyn will not be the same. We will be having conversations with parents and students in order to create a memorial for Aunty Shirl here in the school grounds that will help to keep her in our hearts and minds.

The display of the 'Beyond the Box' project at the Spring Fair was a huge success. Many people came to look at the incredible creativity of our students and took time to play some of the games. This Project Based Learning approach is a strategy we will continue to implement through our school and teachers are already discussing ideas for next year. Mr Iles' class are currently researching local flora and fauna with the idea to set up QR codes in the local area for visitors to be able to find out more about Brooklyn. We have a number of ideas which we are very keen to pursue next year.

The construction of the COLA was a little slow to get started, but progress is being made! The structure is ready to have the roof attached and then it will be very close to completion. We are looking forward to seeing the end product and I know that it will be a great addition to the school. The bubbler troughs are not as yet to our liking and the builder has been requested to make some adjustments.

This week we will welcome our 2017 kindergarten students to the final Kindergarten Transition session. It has been wonderful to spend some time with our new little people and I am confident they will transition beautifully into kindergarten and enjoy being part of this fantastic school community.

As you know, the Anglers Rest is no longer able to provide lunches to the school students and we have been looking at other options. The owner of the Brooklyn Deli, Sally, has come forward and is very keen to make lunches for our students. Sally would like to commence with just taking orders on Fridays and if all is well, she may offer an additional day for ordering. It is a very special feature of this community that people step up and help out when they can.

The school website is constantly evolving so it is helpful to look out for new additions to it. As promised, there will be information uploaded onto the website that relates to the way education is changing in general and how we are responding to the need for change here at Brooklyn. This will also be the place to look at some of our school policies, our school plan and find out more about why we do what we do here at Brooklyn.

As you will know, teachers are given two Staff Development Days at the end of the year to continue their professional development. This year, we have managed to vary those days as we have already participated in six hours of professional learning earlier in the year. This leaves us with only the one SDD, Monday 19 December. The staff have requested that we spend some time on the river looking at the places where students come from and gain a greater awareness of their circumstances and transport challenges. We are also going to look at some of the history and geography of the Hawkesbury River in preparation for units of work in 2017 that will require some knowledge about the river system. We also want to look at the many features of the river as we talk about the potential for a text that we could write

modelled on Roland Harvey's news book, *On The River*. It will be a very busy day but a nice way to finish the year!

Diana Aitken

Uniform Shop Report - Refer to the treasurers report

Fundraising Committee Report - Discussed as part of Treasurers report.

Grounds Committee Report – no report

Creative Arts Program (CAP) Report - no report

Hawkesbury River Child Care (HRCC) Report

The HRCC AGM will be held this month.

There will be a working bee at the centre this weekend (5/6 November)

There has been a decline in the number of people using before and after school care. Noted

Other business

Fishing club in Mooney to be set up

Concerns raised by parents-

Big sleepers – issue to be addressed with the grounds plan

Bark under tree and in the playground are an issue

Supervision to ensure young children eating

Redoing grounds and gardens plan to approve and plant around the back of the playground.

P & C Annual General Meeting Scheduled for week 4 of first term in 2017.

Wednesday 7 December is end of year assembly.

Close of business & next meeting date – Tuesday 6 December at 6.30pm