

THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
MINUTES P&C MEETING
16th June, 2009

Meeting Opened: 8.05pm

Present: As per attendance sheet

Apologies: Susannah Knowles, Dana Logiudice

Correspondence: P&C Association ENews

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted by Ross Knight, Seconded Tammy Drew

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

n/a

REPORTS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Tabled by Phillip Wills

Past Events – Kindergarten 2010 Information Night was well attended.

Upcoming Events - Athletics Carnival 3rd July, Reports coming home to parents on 6th July, School Development Day will be on first day on Term 3.

Band – Mr Wills has investigated the matter of instrument hire and insurance for instruments. Apparently only the owner of the instrument can insure the instrument. Although the band uses the instruments, it is actually the school that owns them. The instruments are covered against theft and vandalism but not against damage. Parents will be liable for any damage that does not involve a police report. A PAL number from police is needed for any claims. Future hire agreements will be between the school and the parents. Money will be kept in a trust fund with surplus funds used for the band.

BER – BER approved \$3 million of funds for our school last Friday 12th June. Changes discussed at last P&C meeting were passed. They include:

- Build COLA on side of hall
- Redo all concrete on side of hall – remove planters
- Refurbish hall kitchen
- (Install light bar)
- Build COLA in K/1 area
- Build covered walkways around school
- Build 2 storey classroom unit next to Block E (\$2m)

Surveyors are coming to the school on Thursday 18th June. Work is hoped to begin on Aug 31st.

School Pride – (\$200 000) includes:

- Carpets in 5 classrooms in E block
- Basketball court resurface
- Refurbish cricket nets
- New External speaker and amplifier system
- 4 IWBs
- Guttering on Blocks A, B, E, J, K
- Painting of all railings & mesh – Blocks C and E
- Minor roof maintenance

There will be some disruption to events in the School Hall. Back-up plans for Presentation Day have been made at Pennant Hills High. 2B and 2C will be relocated to the library while the new 2 storey block is being built.

Swine Flu – there have been no notification in the Greater Hornsby area.
Whooping Cough – 2 cases in the school in immunized children.

Canteen – work will begin in the first week of Term 4. Demolition will be in the first week of the holidays in October. The cupboards are being built at the moment at TAFE. At this stage it is predicted that the canteen will be closed for 2 weeks at the beginning of Term 4.

Change of P&C Meeting – in Term 4 to 1st of December.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Janice Khoo

Canteen Evening being held on Monday night. Would anyone like to go with Anne-Marie?

TREASURER'S REPORT – Tammy Drew

The Term Deposit has matured with \$645 interest bringing the total reinvested to \$18,169. The money has been reinvested for 6 months.

\$39,670 is in the cheque account. A cheque has been received from contributions to the school of \$5,400. The P&C has reimbursed the school for the purchase of the Baritone Saxophone.

Canteen – has a current profit of \$1200.

Mr Wills has bought 2 IWBs which have been put in classes 1B and 3Y. The teachers are very grateful.

UNIFORM REPORT

Boys trousers ordered in January have arrived in the shop. The Uniform Shop has begun ordering in large quantities to ensure enough stock for Kindy 2010.

CANTEEN REPORT – Kylie Duncan

As Suzi is still away on sick leave, the introduction of new initiatives in the Canteen has been slowed down although there has been an introduction of weekly specials. Volunteers are a little light on – there will be another note about this in the Wednesday Weekly. Suzi is planning to be back on board at the beginning of next term. Kylie is unable to attend the P&C Association Canteen Evening on Mon. Is anyone else able to attend?

FUNDRAISING

Yuletide – 77 people have paid so far. Janda estimates about 110 on the night. A number of competing events may explain the lower numbers.

MDFDGG – Dana Logiudice

Father's Day gifts have been ordered. A Trade Fair visit has been planned for further gift buying. What will be the impact of the Hall renovations on the Father's Day breakfast?

AGENDA ITEMS

Kiss & Drop Area – Dana asked whether the Westleigh Progress Association would be able to lobby council on parent's behalf to get some kind of kiss and drop area where parents won't be stopping illegally. Mr Wills said that parents are unable to stop in the bus zone and that the bus zone is needed. A kiss and drop zone would be best in Quarter Sessions Road but this is difficult

due to lack of turning facilities. Mr Wills is happy for the WPA to lobby council on this topic.

Fund Raising – When lobbying businesses for donations Janda likes to be specific and honest about what the money she is asking for is going to be used towards. When this fund allocation changes she is placed in a difficult position. This year has been particularly difficult with the influx of unexpected funds from the government changing the school’s “wishlist”. Although it would be preferable to be able to tell businesses what tangible things their money is being spent on, it was suggested Janda keep the allocation broad enough to avoid any misconceptions.

Year 6 Farewell – On behalf of the Year 6 Farewell Committee, Nicole Drumm and Christene Richards have asked the P&C for a contribution from the P&C for the end of year function. Unfortunately there were no funds left over from last year to carry forward. They would like a donation of \$500 which will help to cover costs for 69 people on the night.

Proposed – Janda Tanner

Seconded – Tammy Drew

GENERAL BUSINESS

None

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th August, 2009