



General Meeting – Monday 7 May 2018, 7:30pm - MINUTES

Present: Jen Young, Nicole Austin, Louise Flaherty, Dave Thompson, Lara Parsons, Bronwyn Jones, Vanya Taylor, Chris Muir, Leanne Hill, Shannon Kynaston, Sara Rose, Sarah Johnston

Apologies: Kelly Lang, Karen Mahar, Rebecca Watson, Lisa Joss, Susan Henwood

AGENDA ITEM	MINUTES
<p>1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes of meeting held</p> <p>20 March 2018</p>	<p>Motion: That the Minutes as circulated be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Moved: Vanya</p> <p>Seconded: Leanne</p>
<p>2. President's Report</p>	<p>See Appendix A</p> <p>Screenagers - Spoken to many parents, lots of community support. Effects of excessive screen use – aimed at children. One off license (\$850 +GST), have an option to turn it into a fundraiser. Still exploring options as to whether to buy the license or the extra marketing options. Venue is the main challenge. Vanya to keep investigating.</p> <p>Facebook – use the WACCSO Facebook guidelines. Will monitor for external advertising and delete it if happens again.</p> <p>Freezer – to be delivered in the coming week. <i>Action item: Bronwyn to confirm location.</i></p>
<p>3. Principal's Report and Questions on Notice</p>	<p>Report attached (Appendix H)</p> <p>Picnic benches – if front of S1 and S2 and between kindy (has natural shade). Possibly good spot. Looking for volunteers for concreting benches.</p> <p>Question to Bronwyn on interpreting Brightpath. Parents want to know how kids compare to rest of the cohort. Teachers want to know what to teach next. Context is important.</p> <p>Brief discussion about timing of term 1 interviews.</p>
<p>4. Vice President's Report</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Brief summary of bank balances given.</p>
<p>6. Other Reports:</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>Grounds and Facilities</p> <p>Book Club and Library</p>	<p>There will be online fundraising for the lapathon. Shannon to follow up with entertainment books. Dave has P&C key for P&C box and will empty on a Friday.</p> <p>COSP provided mulch – it was a half day's work as extra machinery helped. Ms Skinners garden is now mulched too. <i>Action item: Newsletter / facebook thank yous – Chris to send to Vanya.</i> COSP a little reluctant to deliver mulch in future but will keep persisting. Bird boxes – did a class for Ms Rosso / Miss Skinner, kids were enthusiastic. Contributed to artwork. Installation is difficult!</p> <p>n/a</p>

Memorabilia	KPS has an archiving server. Talk to Claire Backhouse re server.
Music	See Appendix C Question re Anzac ceremony – why are we not doing the morning ceremony? Bronwyn commented that this was meant to be for special anniversary events only and it is difficult to cover a long school day – from before 6am until 3pm. No blinds in music room – will go on wish list again. Vanya and Nicole to discuss.
School Banking	n/a
Uniforms	See Appendix D. Discussion about class reps
School Board Rep	See Appendix E. Green P&C summary to be approved and circulated.
DUCKS	n/a
Sport	Leanne. Still collecting information. Netball courts very busy, lots of teams across all year levels.
Year 6	See Appendix F
7. P&C Correspondence:	n/a
8. Review Rolling Action Item List	See Appendix G
9. General Business:	Motion: That the P&C officially approves the Fundraising calendar (for insurance cover). Moved: Unanimous by all present Seconded: Unanimous by all present
10. Other Business	1. Review School Board Summary. This was generally approved, no comments / suggestions. 2. General discussion on usefulness on school income thermometer and Budget Summary pie charts. General consensus was that while they looked good, the figures need refreshing (<i>Action item: Jen to provide to Lara</i>) and a location sourced for where they would be placed around the school? Will revisit in future meetings.
NEXT MEETING:	General Meeting – Monday 18 June

ACTION ITEM	WHO
<i>Confirm location for freezer</i>	Bronwyn
<i>Draft facebook post and newsletter item thanking those that assisted with mulching.</i>	Chris
<i>Provide updated P&C budget figures for pie chart summary information</i>	Jen

Appendix A

President's Report - Vanya Taylor

Screenagers

So far there seems to be a lot of support for a screening of the documentary screenagers. I have been in contact with the American distributors of the film and have an idea for the screening cost but have just found out there is an Australian company who is distributing the film within Australia so will follow up with them in the next few weeks to get an idea of their pricing. A venue will need to be decided so we have an idea of potential dates and seating capacities.

Following is a brief summary of what the Documentary is about.

Young people spend an average of 6.5 hours a day on cell phones, computers and other devices. That doesn't include the time they use screens for school and homework. "Screenagers: How Much Screen Time is Healthy"; is a documentary that explores how much screen time is too much. Physician and mother of two Dr. Delaney Ruston became interested in this issue when her preteen started begging for a smart phone. Dr. Ruston saw other parents equally confused on how to balance technology with a young developing mind. She decided to delve deep into the science behind screen time to understand how it affects young people's minds and development. Through personal stories and input from leading researchers, SCREENAGERS sheds light on the impact this screen time is having on kids. The documentary explores how learning, playing and socializing online affects teens; developing attention span, fragile self-esteem and moral instincts. SCREENAGERS examines the real risks of failing in school, social isolation and digital addiction. Ultimately, the film explores solutions to handle screen time and provides parents with tools to help young people develop self-control and find balance in their digital lives.

Facebook page

I have been in contact with Sam Thompson who has confirmed that there was a document drafted by her outlining a code of conduct for the Facebook page. I am waiting for her to send that information through to us. At this stage there has not been any further advertising style post on the page.

Freezer

The small chest freezer that was requested by the fundraising committee has been ordered and should be delivered in the first week of term 1. I will coordinate with the front office about the delivery schedule.

Appendix B

Grounds and Facilities Report - Chris Muir

The mulching busy bee was completed on Sunday 29 April.

Appendix C

Music Report - Nicole Austin

The school band and senior choir put on an outstanding performance for the School's Anzac Day assembly on the last day of term. We would like to congratulate all the performers on the day.

The school band will next be performing at the Mill Point Fresh Music & Munch concert on Sunday, 20 May. This is a community event and the KPS band shares the stage (grass verge) with the Gumnut Stompers Jazz Band at the Meadowvale Shopping Centre in South Perth. The Gumnut Stompers will be performing from 3-4pm, KPS Band from 4-5pm, then the Gumnut Stompers again from 5-6pm. Garry and Trudy, who own the Meadowvale IGA, have been huge sponsors of Kensington Primary School over the years, and this is always a very relaxing afternoon sitting in the shade on picnic blankets and enjoying an afternoon of music.

Appendix D

Uniform Report - Fiona Patten

- 1) Several substantial stock orders have been made to ensure enough sizes of the winter uniform are available. A stocktake has been done at the end of last term and we are currently insured for the correct stock amount.
- 2) Faction shirts have been starting to sell more towards the end of term 1 and more are on their way. There should be no more orders for a while after these arrive.
- 3) We have spent \$6711.76 so far on uniforms/ recorders this year. We do have 2 stock orders on their way, yet to be invoiced.
- 4) Mrs Dewing has placed a small order at the end of last term, and will not need any more uniforms at this stage.
- 5) Fundraiser – currently order forms are still out. To be returned week ending May 4 so should know more about uptake/ potential funds to be raised by the time the meeting is held next week.
- 6) Our total Revenue since 31/1/18 is \$8018.03. 2nd hand uniform made up \$230 of this total.

Appendix E

School Board Report - Lara Parsons

The School Board last met on Wednesday 28 March, 2018 - Minutes of Meeting can be found on the school website. The main points relevant to the P&C are as follows:

- The Annual Report for 2017 was tabled and approved for publication (available on the school website)
- The 2018 school budget was tabled and approved unanimously
- The draft school business plan was drafted and a robust discussion was had. Post- meeting note: The final school business plan 2018 - 2020 is now complete and available on the school website.
- Election of the new Board Chair, Mark Thompson

Community representative, Susan Lees (Kent St HS), was re-elected unanimously

Appendix F

Year 6 Fundraising Report - Vicki McAllister

In term 1, the Year 6 fundraising group undertook three initiatives to raise funds for student costs associated with the end of year graduation and Year 6 camp. These have proven to be reasonably successful with the events raising \$1693.70 as per below.

Fundraiser Income (\$)

Easter raffle	937.20
Anzac biscuits	340.50
Icy poles	416.00
TOTAL	1,693.70

The fundraiser for term 2 is a Movie night. The cinemas only allow us to book these sessions about three weeks ahead of the release. We are proposing to book the Incredibles 2, which will be released on Thursday 14 June, and

then conduct our movie night with a 6 or 6.30pm session on Friday 15 June or Sunday 17 June afternoon session as plan B.

The cinemas need 110 minimum people but can accommodate much bigger groups. They are fine with us bringing in a bouncy castle, chocolate wheel and other fundraising, providing it has appropriate indemnity insurance. We would require this from the P & C. Janine Andel has drawn together a small group to arrange.

A year 6 fundraising meeting will be conducted on Thursday 17 May to finalise planning for the movie night and to discuss a contribution for students towards the camp.

The Year 6 parents have been incredibly generous and helpful with the events as has the school community in supporting the fundraising events held to date.

Appendix G

P&C Rolling Action Item list

Item No	Description	Priority	Reponsible person	Date opened	Date due	Status	Notes	Date closed
1	Continue to monitor WACSSO position on amending P&C constitution and update the constitution when appropriate	Medium	Secretary	01.07.16	01.07.19	Active	Dept of Commerce information	
2	To call for parent volunteers to install 2 netball posts during the school holidays to avoid the \$480 installation cost to the school.	High	Vice-President	21.03.17		Active	Matt Allen has volunteered concrete and expertise in installation. May need help with removing old posts. New posts in P&C shed	
3	Jen & Vanya to clean out P&C cupboard in under-cover area	Medium	President	02.05.17		Active		
4	Volunteers needed to implement CIP initiatives	Medium	President	25.07.17		Active		
5	Lara to finalise budget graphical representations for inclusion in newsletter and P&C notice board	High	P&C Board Rep	17.10.17		Active		
6	Leanne to share ideas re: digital photograph storage with Memorabilia committee	Medium	Sport	17.10.17		Active		
7	Investigate possible grant applications	Medium	Secretary	20.03.18		Active	Kristina sent Jen a summary of all available grants in WA; Jen still researching for best fit options	
8	Send Bronwyn electronic copies of class rep list	Medium	President	20.03.18		Active		
9	Informal meeting with Lesley / Deb (with PP1 and PP3 class reps) to discuss what might be possible work for a PP busy bee.	Medium	Secretary	20.03.18		Active	Jen to follow up before next meeting in June.	
10	Look into insurance for uniform stock (Centrewest?)	High	Secretary	20.03.18		Active		
11	Investigate/organise screening of "Screenagers".	Medium	President	20.03.18		Active	Kent St possible location.	

Principal's Report - 20th March 2018

The Annual Report and Business Plans

The 2017 Annual Report is available on our website and on the DoE Schools Online website too. Our 2018 – 2020 Business Plan is also on our website. Our key focus moving forward is Social Emotional Learning and Literacy in the areas of Writing and Grammar.

Friendly Schools Plus

Did you know that emotional intelligence is a better predictor of success in life than is IQ? Friendly Schools Plus is the program we are implementing across the school. It is our common approach to teaching students social and emotional skills and concepts. It works on an anti-bullying/ resiliency building focus – teaching students about self-awareness and self-managements as well as social-awareness and social-management. We have organised a parent workshop to support parents in helping their children to develop good social and emotional skills. This program is based on years of research and evidence and was developed in WA universities by Donna Cross, an expert in anti-bullying. As bullying has been prominent in the media lately and an issue across every sphere of life and work, in childhood and adulthood, it is very topical as well as very important to know how to help children, and ourselves, deal with it. Building resilience is the key to coming through any incidents with a positive sense of self. I would encourage you to come along to this workshop on Thursday and RSVP tomorrow/tonight. This session has been funded by the P&C.

There is also a Friendly Schools website if you wish to know more -

<http://friendlyschools.com.au/fsp/>

Writing and Grammar

We are taking a two-pronged approach to the teaching of Writing at Kensington PS. In the K-2 years we are using a program called *Talk for Writing* (developed in the UK) and in the Year 3-6 years we are using a program called *Seven Steps to Writing Success* (developed in Australia). The reason for this is that, while both programs are based on good evidence of effectiveness, we want to ensure that our approach does not become stale over time and students find it uninspiring because they have done it year after year. We feel that 4 years is long enough to know the approach thoroughly but not feel bored by it. However, all staff members have been trained in both approaches and will use some common language across the school and borrow activity ideas, as needed, from both programs. The whole school is using the *Talk for Writing Grammar* activities to teach Grammar. This requires regular, short and targeted activities – games – to teach specific skills. The traditional approach is an hour long weekly lesson but we know that this is not as effective as short daily lessons in cementing learning. If you wish to know more about either of these programs – check out the links in the newsletter this week or in the P&C minutes from this meeting.

Talk for Writing - <http://www.talk4writing.co.uk/>

Seven Steps to Writing Success - <https://www.sevenstepswriting.com/>

Health and Wellbeing

You may be aware from the media that principal stress is an issue the Department is facing. It is also a concern for all teachers as workloads, expectations and rates of change all increase. It is not just confined to the education sector. However, a number of principal networks across the Department have taken on a principal health and wellbeing focus and employed the services of consultants to

run workshops and coaching sessions, along with getting full medicals completed by principals. Feedback on this process has been very positive and, in some cases, life-saving. I took part in the first workshop today and will be completing the program over the year. We will then use that information to develop a health and wellbeing program for the deputies and the rest of the staff. The support staff also participated in a mindfulness session last Monday.

Student Reports

We are working on an Assessment and Reporting policy, as required by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. However, for this semester's student reports we will be continuing with emailing digital copies of reports. It is important parents download this on receipt as the link does not last forever. We have had a number of parents ask for the reports to be sent again because they didn't download them straight away and when they returned to the link it no longer worked. In addition, the kindergarten reports will also be using the formal Department report format. These are different to the P-6 reports but they too can be emailed. They report under the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) headings and teachers can include photos of students at work.

Ed! Magazine Feature

You may know that some of the students in S4 appeared in the West Australian's Ed! Magazine liftout last Tuesday and will be featured again later. You can check it out on our newsletter too.

Bahai Mural

We wish to thank the Bahai for the mural they painted in the quadrangle over the holidays. They have left spaces for us to record our school values when we develop them. This is something we will be doing during the time of this new Business Plan as the current stated values are those of the Department.

Long Service Leave

I have to use my long service leave this year. So I will be going overseas on two holidays. This will mean I miss the last two weeks of this term and of next term too. Lisa Williamson will be the acting principal this term and Claire Backhouse will take the job in Term 3. That means that Lisa will attend the next P&C meeting in my place.

Netball Hoops

Query – what is planned for the installation of the netball hoops?

Reminders:

This is a short term – only 9 weeks and it also includes WA Day holiday on 4th June.

Parent workshop – Friendly Schools – 6:30pm on Thursday 10th May. Please RSVP tonight or tomorrow by email.