



# Kensington Primary School P & C Association

## Minutes for General Meeting held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30p.m., Staff Room.

### 1. Welcome from the President

- ST gave a welcome and an overview of how she intends to run the meetings, which includes sending pre-read material with the agenda and deferring matters to a subcommittee if detailed discussion is required to ensure everyone can have their say.

### 2. Attendance / Apologies. (Please add your name & email address to the 2015 membership list. Reminder: payment of membership fees for 2015 [\$1] must be paid today to be eligible to vote.)

Attendance: S. Thompson, R. Watson, B. Macauley, A. Arnold, S. Noske, K. Shortland-Jones, N. Gallagher, S. Szczecinski, N. Carey, S. Dickson, R. Hannay, F. Patten, S. Henwood, D. Mundy, D. Collins, T. Steers, M. Tibbits, A. Wallace, M. Bozich  
Apologies: J. Barrett, M. Noid, J. Safstrom, L. Carver, N. Austin, B. Shillington

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

**Motion:** That the Minutes as circulated be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** N. Carey

**Seconded:** S. Thompson

### 4. Action from previous meeting:

Item List	Report from:		Follow-up action taken / needed
Class lists - status	S. Thompson	Further added to list.	ST to follow up.
Literacy Workshops	N. Carey	NC presented and sent a report. See Annexure A.	
Naturescape update (including financial update and review of funding to date including retic surplus and contingency fund)	M. Bozich/T. Steers	Official launch/opening very well executed and received by KPS community. Some tidying up of the area left to do. The biggest project has been held off (the insect) due to time and financial constraints. ML is costing and the P&C would appreciate knowing this info for next meeting. Of the naturescape budget of 2015 (\$17,000), there is \$2,800 left (excluding residue from retic and any possibly allocation from the 2015 contingency fund).	MB to follow up ML. Further details to be presented to the next meeting for discussion / action / extra funding approval.

Movie Night	M. Tibbits	553 tickets were sold. The purpose was primarily a community focus and a thank you rather than a fundraiser. Made approximately \$5.5K profit. Likely to become an annual event as very well received. Meeting thanked MT and her team for their efforts.	
Reminder for the P&C to review and possibly increase the voluntary contribution amount during 2015	A. Wallace	ST - What information would assist making this decision?	Gather details of: Percentage of families who paid this year and how much was raised last year from voluntary contributions? (BM to action) What do other schools charge (ST to action) What are the P&C's recurring expenses (\$12,600 for 2015)?

5. Reports from current office bearers

a) Treasurer \*Report February 2015

- Report presented. See email attachment to minutes.
- Closing balance ~ \$45K.
- Currently reviewing merchant banking fees.
- **Motion: That the KPS P&C engage an auditor if the cost is not more than \$250, with the cost to be paid from the P&C's contingency funds in 2015.**  
**Result: passed by meeting on show of hands**
- TS to cost and engage.
- Add to recurring expenses for future years to provide continuity and ease of management to audit process.

b) Principal

\*Report presented. See Annexure B.

\*Questions on Notice and responses:

Questions on Notice	Response from Principal
What is the latest information about easing the traffic congestion at Banksia Tce / View St corner at pick-up and drop-off?	The Board is waiting on a report to continue discussion next meeting. See attached pdf and see youtube link for details on creative ideas from other towns. A council survey on infrastructure is due out soon, can parents please raise the traffic issues with Banksia and 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue! See Annexure C.
What plans does the South Perth City Council have for the Vista Street kindy site?	KPS has a 5 year lease with a 6 month termination clause (both sides), These are normally 10 year leases. Council is being vague as to their plans for this site. Bruce suggested not spending money on any permanent playground fixtures until we hear more. NG advised the kindy has been put on the list of possible properties to be sold by the SPCC. KPS pays peppercorn rent.

c) Secretary - correspondence in

- General banking correspondence
- General advertising correspondence
- Mel Noid – subscription renewal information (with advice to not proceed)

d) Committee Reports:

- Bookclub & Library - Order forms were due Monday and are being sent to Scholastic.
- Fundraising - Covered by comments above under movie night. Further fundraising initiatives for 2015 will be discussed at a later date.
- Grounds and Facilities - Covered by comments above under naturescape.
- Music - See report at annexure D.
- Memorabilia - Request for any photo / speech details from the Natureplay launch.
- Uniforms – Winter order forms out later this week. Prices going up marginally for all items as costs from suppliers have gone up. Jenny Brittain has agreed to take over from Roxanne Hannay next year and will be learning the ropes this year.
- School Board Rep Dale presented on behalf of KSJ. Mostly already covered by Principal' report. Survey conducted – board recommended conduct annually – consider survey questions in term 3 and run survey in term 4. Analytics to be undertaken but at this stage the survey appears to show above average results in a “positive” sense.

e) President

- No additional business

6. General Business:

Item	Raised by:	Information presented	Action taken by meeting
Inquiries of position holders – role goals	S. Thompson	ST will be meeting up with position holders.	n/a
‘Girl Power’ courses	S. Thompson	Ran through the request. Bruce suggested this sort of program is best run towards the beginning of the year and term 1 and 2 2015 are already very busy. There was a lot of support for this initiative both at the meeting and via email submissions and after discussion it was agreed this should be put forward for a funding request for 2016. Also discussed was how to run bullying/resilience programs and whether this should be for all students or optional. Bruce discussed programs delivered by the school Chaplain (BUZZ and Monkey classes) and how he believed these would help to address some of the services requested.	Make enquires though-out year with a view to potentially running next year.
‘Champion Fathers’ concept	D. Mundy	The point of the project is to try and get dads to realise the importance of spending time with their kids and educate fathers on techniques for finding the time and interacting with their kids. Process – Come out and give a talk to the school (DM to check but pretty sure no cost). Then help out the school to implement. Seen as a long running program. BM is aware of this initiative happening at Bannister Creek, it is embedded in the school with positive outcomes. It is not a ‘men’s shed’.	Meeting supported further exploration of project implementation at KPS. DM to lead initially and have discussion with the relevant people and will then set up a committee if required.

<p>When will there be an upgrade/redesign of the Vista Street Kindergarten playground in line with the current 'Nature Play' ethos and consequent upgrade of the Kensington Primary School grounds? The Vista Street Kindy fort was requested to be replaced in 2014.</p>	<p>K. Shortland-Jones on behalf of the Vista St Kindy parents</p>	<p>KSJ restated the question and referred to BM's response to the questions on notice. Bruce advised he has had someone in to look at the fort and it has been ruled safe so it is expected to be in place for longer than initially anticipated. No current plans to remove the fort.</p>	<p>Info for Vista parents: No money yet as don't know what's happening with grounds. Vista parents to consider what other quick, non-expensive ideas there may be to enhance the grounds and what the Vista parents could contribute with support of grounds committee</p>
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7. Other Business:

Item	Action taken

8. Meeting Close: 9.01

Next meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

## **Annexure A**

### **Report on literacy workshops**

#### **Workshop 1: K-PP on Tuesday, 17 Feb.**

47 tickets purchased, 3 no shows, 2 people emailed registration but didn't attend approx. 36% turn out from the number of students

#### **Workshop 2: Yr 1-2 on Wednesday, 4 March**

35 tickets purchased , 5 no shows, 8 people emailed registration but didn't attend approx. 26% turn out from the number of students

#### **Workshop 3: Yr 3-6 on Tuesday, 17 March**

40 tickets purchased so far. Will send a reminder by email before the end of the week. and will a notice on facebook. I've been working on a estimated 30% attendance, which could mean up to 60 people.

Survey is being undertaken. Findings will be presented when concluded.

From the allocated budget of \$5,100 have remaining \$3,152

## Annexure B



### Principal's Report to the P&C Association

10 March 2015

#### School Enrolment Numbers as at Friday 10 March 2015

Year Group	
Kindergarten	57
Pre-primary	72
Year 1	69
Year 2	68
Year 3	82
Year 4	54
Year 5	30
Year 6	38
Total	470

#### Literacy Workshops

Two of the three presentations have been held in the music room with very good support from parents and staff in those year groupings.

The next session will be next Tuesday for Years 3 to 6 parents. Nicky is waiting on numbers to see where we will hold this session.

## **Absent**

I will be out of the school from tomorrow until 30 March. Lisa will be the principal in my absence.

## **2016 Intentions Survey**

In the next week or so (I hope) all families will receive a survey (electronic and hard copy) to complete about their intentions for 2016. This helps us to plan for classes and building for next year.

The Board (and school) is also keen to understand why students leave the school before the end of Year 6. Part of the student survey is asking when a child is going to leave and if before the end of Year 6 a number of reason why this might be so. Parent will be asked to complete the survey for each child they have at Kensington. We are giving parents the opportunity to tell us exactly why students leave (and have left). This information will be used to try and help us arrest the attrition rate in future years. A core of the school's Business Plan over the next 3 years.

## **Class Meetings**

Data collected by class teachers shows a very strong participation rate for our class meetings. Many parents who were unable to attend caught up with the teachers at other times. This supports our priority of strong school/community links.

## **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Permission has been granted by Regional Office to change the school day for our parent/teacher interviews on Wednesday 1 April. School will finish at 11.00am with interviews scheduled to commence at 11.30. Sign up sheets will soon go up around the school.

Students unable to go home on the day will be looked after up until home time (3.00pm).

All our after school care providers have been informed of this closure.

## **ANZAC Dawn Service**

Permission has been granted by Regional Office to change the school day for our ANZAC Dawn Service on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. School will commence at 5.45am for a 6.00am Dawn Service.

Students will be given a 'gunfire' breakfast as part of the school day. I'm hoping that some keen parents will be able to help us cook sausages etc for this breakfast most staff will be in classes teaching from the end of the service. We are looking for a parent coordinator to work with the school to see if we can get donations and organise the breakfast. The deputies and I will be there to lend a hand as well.

### **Year 6 Swimming**

Year 6 swimming at Cottlesloe went extremely well. Children were well behaved but very boisterous - something Sue and I are very proud of in this group.

### **Faction Swimming Carnival**

The carnival will be held tomorrow at Aqualife Pools. Any parents able to assist will be found a job by Raema.

On Thursday morning a quick assembly will be conducted to presents medals to our champion swimmers.

No assembly this week due to swimming.

### **Swimming Training**

Thanks to parents for your support in this training.

### **Playground Opening**

Congratulation to the Grounds Committee for the excellent organisation of Saturday's grand opening. The turn-out was very strong. Having Maggie Dent open the playground was absolutely right.

### **South Perth Fiesta**

This Sunday afternoon our school's young musicians will be performing at the South Perth Fiesta at Mill Point Fresh. If you get a spare moment please come along and support them and Mrs Dewing.

### **iPads for Teachers**

Terence has now given our classroom teachers their ipads. He has also run after school workshops so that teachers are connected, have some idea of the power of their machines and can access Apps for themselves and children in the classrooms.

We have also orders more ipads to cover classes where there are more than 30 children.

### **Year 3 Resources**

Lisa has ordered more literacy resources for the Year 3 students after consulting with that POD in regards to classroom needs. \$1000 well spent.

### **PE Ribbons and Medallions**

Raema has ordered a year's worth of ribbons and medals with P&C funding.

### **Vege Garden**

Mrs Skinner's class has taken the lead in the vege patch. With help from Mrs Smith and their husbands a giant wormery is in place with the worms doing their thing. Smaller worm farms are operating successfully in the junior school as well.

A new rainwater tank has been ordered and quotes to plumb this with a pump have been gotten.

A small garden shed has been priced as well. The total funding from the P&C (\$1700) will be expended by the end of the term with the school putting in \$\$ to help ensure the garden is a success. The children are very involved and Mrs Skinner is integrating the learning very well.

## Annexure C

Question on notice response (provided by BM based upon information from third party)

Week 1 was an introduction and discussion of the aims –

1. Enhanced walking and cycling opportunities/options in the local area;
2. Enhanced efficiency, access and inclusivity of wider demographic for public transport;
3. Traffic management - a focus on the source of current and future issues and not necessarily including increased traffic management options (eg encourage fewer chicanes/speed humps) and open up to multi-user space;
4. Parking - management of commuters, sightlines, education, enhanced road-user culture;
5. Enhanced opportunities for new technologies eg electric bicycles;
6. Road-user safety.

Not necessarily in that order!

The school parking issue on Banksia, Fourth, Sixth, View and Brandon Streets has been tabled at length. Ideas to close View St at the Banksia Intersection and to remove the current chicane have been discussed.

Trends in the UK, Europe and the U.S. have seen a very keen embrace of shared user space where traffic calming measures are removed and delineations are blurred between pedestrian right of way and traffic right of way. (See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vzDDMzq7d0>)

Perth's ego-centric traffic culture and possible safety issues have been discussed in relation to this shared space idea. The worldwide statistics appear to favour this type of shared space with traffic incidents lowered across all fields - accidents, maintenance, resolution of conflicts, local business resentments etc

Week 2 included some current research conducted by CoSP. The attached document shows some interesting data on surveyed traffic data ( look at the top three accident black spots in Kensington in the past 5 years - Douglas Ave/George St, Canning Hwy/Dyson St and Canning Hwy/Collins St.

The focus of increased road use has been around the widening of Canning Hwy, the Tech Park development plans and the state government's Directions 2031 policy.

Cycle paths, the culture of safe cycling for children as well as pedestrian friendly access across the suburb has been discussed.

The representatives from Jacobs seem very keen to take as much local feedback onboard as possible. Feel free to pass any feedback to me and I'll pass it on.

A survey is planned by CoSP seeking local community input in the next 4 to 6 weeks. It will be accessible by post and online.

Attached .pdf document outlines week two discussions.

## **Annexure D**

### **Music Committee and Mrs Dewing - Report**

#### **Kensington Primary School Band**

The band will be performing at Millpointfresh Music and Munch as part of the South Perth Fiesta this Sunday March 15th from 3 to 6pm alongside The Gumnut Stompers who came to our Music Under the Stars last year. This is at Meadowvale Shopping Centre and carpark, corner of Millpoint Rd and Meadowvale Avenue South Perth. Millpoint Road Fresh Food Market generously support our school each year by providing vouchers to students who win Virtue Awards.

#### **Uniforms**

The music uniforms are being fitted, hired and purchased at the moment. The skirts, trousers and ties are hired each year for \$10. New shirts are \$16 and second hand shirts are \$5. Please bring this money to the music room so that Mrs Dewing can check off those that have paid and issue appropriate uniforms. All students must wear black shoes and socks. If uniforms were not returned from last year please return ASAP.