

Minutes of the West Pymble P&C Association held on Monday 6 June 2011 commencing at 7:30pm.

Attendees: Bronwyn Wilson (Principal), Ian Plant (President), Darren Rassack (Vice President), Brigid Robson (Treasurer), Amber Sebire (Secretary), Nahid Kabir, Megan Hutchins, Lisa Gielis, Sarah Plant, Monique Chilton (Canteen Manager), Kath Fitness, Caroline Owens (Clothing Pool Manager).

Apologies: Caron Taylor, Carollyn Nathan, Janelle Cowan, Jo Kitchener, Alicia Kinsey.

Principal's report (Bronwyn):

Fantasy Day 24 May. This was part of our new student orientation program to give preschoolers a taste of big school. Captain Jack was very successful.

Baby proms 27 July. The school has invited KU preschools in the area to attend. Matt does a brilliant performance on these occasions.

The Annual School Report will be used as a prospectus. This year the school haven't ordered copies in the interests of cutting down on paper usage, although there will be some spares in the office. Interested parties are encouraged to look at it on the school website.

1st September will be the West Pymble Public School Extravaganza Day, incorporating Performance Day, Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week into one day. There will be an extended invitation to future members of the West Pymble Public School community.

This decision has come about with a need to cut down on co-curricular activities and focus more on literacy and numeracy. At WPPS, we are aware of the fact our scores are not as high as some of the schools in the area. The education department has nominated WPPS as a focus school and will be wanting to know how we are progressing.

While this is a big change, the need to address these problems has been ongoing for a number of years. This is a chance to bring things back into balance.

The Senior girls have expressed a change in uniform. They would like to wear a school check skirt and peter pan shirt. The boys will wear a Senior tie with small logo. Caroline Owen is sourcing supplies at present. This will be happening next year but Year 6 are asking for it now.

Treasurer's Report (Brigid)

The Trivia Night profit was \$2512.

We have received donations of \$1500 from McGrath Real Estate.

Canteen has made a profit of \$1039.03.

Monique mentioned she would like to see the sales figures from Term 2 2010 to see the impact of not doing the PSSA lunches this Term.

Brigid mentioned Community Grants for the school. Telstra have them but there needs to be an employee within the school. There are no restrictions on what we can get. **Put out a newsletter segment to see whether there are any school parents working for Telstra-Amber.**

Bendigo Bank also has grants and Brigid will fill in the paperwork for Bendigo.

Brigid will contact auditor-Jenny Taylor. Brigid also mentioned our Annual income is less than the amount needed to have a proper auditor.

35 families have paid their Annual Contribution.

Canteen Renovations (Ian)

There are school parents who are architects-Greg Beard, Catherine Perez-Mansill, Deborah Dougall Mackenzie.

Ian will action a design for the new canteen.

Band(Sarah)

- The Band Camp was fantastic and a big thanks to Nahid.
- 5th and 6th May 2012 will be next year's date.
- Current numbers are: Performance Band (24), Concert Band (21) and Training Band (26)
- Tenor sax: two Concert Band boys have been moved to tenor sax. Normally this is done in Performance Band. By moving them in Concert Band we reduce the stress of having to learn a new instrument at the same time as increased rehearsal times and more complicated pieces.
- PB off to Yamaha on 19 June. They have a lot to live up to this year as last year's PB won gold in their section.

Online ordering system

- Getting information out to the parents as they need to be aware of what we are doing. **Amber to inform parents in the newsletter.**

- **Megan following up the security issues regarding online ordering.** She will investigate the 3 online applications we are looking at: Schools 24, flexischools and munchmonitor.
- **Ian to contact Schools24 about implementation of software.**
- Buy 2 printers-one for labels, one for reports; 2 computers, wifi cards.

Learning Ladder Fundraiser (Amber via Jo Kitchener's email)

Thank you to the 6 ladies who hosted morning teas for their year groups. They were well attended and were a great opportunity for the mums in the year to catch up as well as look at and purchase books and games to support their child's education.

The teachers have chosen \$700 worth of educational books and games to enhance the learning of our children in the classroom. These will be available at the end of June.

Interrelate course

Interrelate is a specialist organisation teaching sex education in NSW schools. WPPS will be holding a course on the 27th July. The cost will be \$17 for one session, \$22 for two. **Amber to confirm the RSVP to Interrelate, and also organize the promotion of the event via school newsletters and A4 laminated printouts.**

Disco (Nahid)

- Money and forms are coming in.
- The Year 6 fundraiser will be tattoos and nails.
- Food is already organized. BBQ. If it rains put BBQ under a tent. **Kath Fitness to contact family with a tent.**
- P&C is ordering iceblocks and bracelets.
- Total \$5 and \$8 entry fee.
- Nahid has stated she would like more P&C help and will do a checklist.
- **Disco ball to be borrowed from Kath Fitness.**

Bush Band

Cancelled. This was a combination of the cost and fitting it in on the social calendar.

Term 3

Chocolates-2nd week back. This will be a Cadbury's fundraising box. **Amber to look into ordering and organising this fundraiser. Megan has offered assistance.**

Class Parent meeting (Nahid)

A parent wanted to know why there was no chess club at present. Bronwyn commented there were no interested staff to take it as Mrs Mackay is now part time. She wants the chess club back but there needs to be a parent to run this. **Amber to put piece in the newsletter about any interested parents to tutor chess.**

Gold medallion-a parent ask to put their name on the back. This request can be accommodated if you bring it to the office. Is it possible to give them a certificate?

Gold medallion rules are up on the website. This is 5 Merit certificates and consistent good behaviour.

Nahid to get urn for next meeting.

Next meeting:
Monday 25 July at 7:30pm.