

## *Minutes of the West Pymble P&C Association held on Monday 25 July 2011 commencing at 7:30pm.*

*Members present:* Ian Plant (President), Bronwyn Wilson (Principal), Brigid Robson (Treasurer), Amber Sebire (Secretary), Darren Rassack (Vice President), Carollyn Nathan, Monique Chilton, Kath Fitness, Rosie Charles, Janelle Cowan, Sarah Plant, Alicia Kinsey, Jo Kitchener, Paul Haynes, Caroline Owens, Nahid Kabir.

*Apologies:* Megan Hutchins.

### *Minutes from the previous meeting*

Previous Minutes accepted from the last meeting dated 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Amber has amended some details from section on the Year 5 and 6 uniform.

- The skirt can be altered from the dress with a simple unpicking alteration, detaching the top part from the bottom part of the dress.
- If your daughter needs another uniform in Year 5, a skirt can be purchased from the Clothing Pool.
- An optional piece is the girls' peter pan shirt. They can choose to purchase this, or continue wearing the existing white shirt.

### *Principal's Report (Bronwyn)*

WPPS has installed a banner at the end of Yanko Road. This was to encourage some more student numbers because not many people know that we are here.

Our student numbers are down from last year. The reasons for this are the Global Financial Crisis, with some overseas students returning to their home country. There was also a loss to less expensive areas being the Central Coast and country areas. We will need to get a push on student enrolments.

It is perceived that Gordon West is better. With WPPS, our outlook is that we look at the outcome of the whole child. We will have more banners made up, with Lisa Gielis doing a photo shoot.

WPPS needs to push the message that we are a good school. We can promote our school to families living in the units at Macquarie Park. Gumnut preschool goes to Ryde schools. Ann will visit some of the Macquarie Park schools and promote us. Another idea was promoting WPPS and telling them which schools past students have progressed, and what past students are doing now. Put this information on Facebook and the website.

Our Spring Festival covered by the North Shore times. This will be heavily promoted. Barry O'Farrell invited.

Our dance troop will perform on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August at lunchtime in the Mandarin Centre. They performed excellently at the Northern Sydney Festival of Dance.

The Baby Proms was on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, as part of our new student orientation program. This went very well.

### *Treasurer's Report (Brigid)*

A cheque was written for \$11500 to school.

Fundraising profit to date this year has been \$6307. This includes the Disco profit of \$372.41.

Donations have been \$3434.71.

Clothing pool has been \$4791.73.

2010 figures have been obtained. There was a difference of \$2500 in the Canteen profit from Term 2 2010 to Term 2 2011 attributing to no PSSA lunches.

We need to get a real estimate of the cost of the Canteen renovations. There is an \$80 000 estimate but this will need to be definitive. So far the Building Fund is at \$41 615.56.

#### **Bronwyn will give Kerry Selby Brown canteen drawings to Ian.**

Kath Fitness suggested getting plans incorporating a second story to store musical instruments.

Voluntary contribution update. So far our income has been \$7710 of which \$330 was in additional payments. We will send out the form again for the parents who have not paid. So far 56 families have paid. Reasons for non payment is that people doing it tough.

Voluntary opting out fee. This was brought up again in light of the fact volunteering has a low participation rate at WPPS. Suggest a voluntary fee of \$50 to let those families opt out.

### *Band (Sarah)*

- Band fees sent out and almost all paid
- Eden Gardens trip booked for Concert Band - Asthma Foundation
- Band to pay for some cases to put antique instruments on display.  
**Paul Haynes is looking into this for us.**
- Baby Proms on the 27<sup>th</sup> July very well received. The Band now looking at a possibility of putting on a Sunday Proms in October.
- ICAS tests coming up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August, therefore band is cancelled due to missing students.

### *Schools24 online ordering system*

Megan Hutchins has been uploading the Canteen items to the Schools24 website. With no unforeseen problems, the system may be able to be rolled out to the general school community over the next few weeks. All testing has taken place within one class.

### *Fundraising (Amber)*

Amber will be approaching Cadbury to order boxes for the Canteen Renovation Fund. This will take place in September from the 1<sup>st</sup> until the Term 3 holidays. A class parent email will be sent out informing families of what will be happening.

### *Spring Festival*

We will need to source another BBQ for the Spring Festival on September 1.

### *Advertising income*

We will need to check the McGrath advertising contract. This is a valuable donation income for WPPS.

### *West Pymble shopping guild*

We will be approaching the West Pymble Shops for a WPPS trading day.  
**Ian to investigate.**

### *Donation of a laptop*

We will approach the school for a laptop donation. This will be for the Clothing Pool online ordering system. **Amber to put in a newsletter segment.**

### *Working bee (Darren)*

- Posters put up Tues 26<sup>th</sup> July.
- Darren will be at the school before 10 and around 4.
- Suggestion of planting of a garden bed in the front entrance area.
- Wheelbarrows, shovels, spades, and natives will be sourced by Darren.
- Staff have been notified.
- Around the garden near the cola needs securing with the mulch running away. Fencing needs to be put up with a suggestion of planting spiky plants.
- Parents asked to put up tables and chairs. There is no supporting posts for the tables and chairs. Make contact to getting them fixed.
- Old sprinkler box has broken hinges-get that fixed.

### *Insurance (Brigid)*

Insurance cover in 2010 was for \$20million at a cost of \$319.

**Sarah to check with KMA regarding insurance of music teachers.**

Canteen is insured for \$16500.

\$9000 band excludes instruments.

\$41000 Clothing pool.

School has insurance over instruments if they are stolen. Instruments are school assets.

**Brigid to liaise with Liz regarding the cover from last year.**

### *Ethics classes*

The P&C Federation sent out a press release regarding the Fred Nile proposal to scrap ethics classes. There has been an outrage regarding this because parents fought hard for the implementation of these classes.

If you are interested in reading more, please go to:

[www.pandc.org.au/files/uploads/Media Release Ethics Classes A Matter of Parental Choice.pdf](http://www.pandc.org.au/files/uploads/Media%20Release%20Ethics%20Classes%20A%20Matter%20of%20Parental%20Choice.pdf)

**The WPPS support the P&C Federation decision.**

### *Disco Wrap up (Nahid)*

This raised a \$900 profit for grade 6s. It was organised very well, albeit a few problems keeping up with the demand for sausages. A solution is implementing another BBQ. Thank you to Nahid.

### *McCain veggie patches (Jo)*

McCain is doing a competition to provide garden seeds. This will be a good start to get a garden program started. The School Office has a McCain barcode box so students can collect these to get garden seeds. This information needs to be spoken in the newsletter. Parents and Out of School Care keen to run a garden club, therefore the P&C were happy for Jo to set one up.

### *Clothing Pool (Caroline)*

- Caroline has contacted Perm a pleat for the Years 5 and 6 skirt.
- Shona Brighton has suggested you can unpick existing girls' uniform, adjust them and give them a waistband. She will charge \$8 if you want this done by her.
- The polar fleece jacket will be in stock near the end of Term 3
- LW Reid supplied us with the wrong jackets. We will hopefully get some jackets before the end of term.

### *Other business*

#### *Toilet upgrade for Years 3-6*

Nahid suggested a 3-6 toilet upgrade. Refurb done 4 years ago on the K-2 toilet block costing \$150 000. This is something we will not be doing in the near future.

#### *PSSA*

With the students going to PSSA, education ceases for the rest of the class. This is because there will be a need for revision once the PSSA students come back.

### *Bullying Policy review (Jo)*

There was an issue of the use of videos at lunchtime with regard to bullying. A suggestion was to provide feedback to the parents. Also, if you have any questions go to the teacher. What are we doing about bullying? Bronwyn needs to be notified if this is happening. Bullying has not been covered over the past year but a psychologist parent is doing a review a bullying program. All policies under review will be put in the newsletter.

*Next meeting:*

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 5 September.