

Minutes for the P&C Meeting on 12 May 2021 at 7.00pm

1. Welcome & President's Address

New members were welcomed to the meeting.

The President noted that the Sub-Committees would be providing updates and that there were a number of resolutions being presented.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

- + The minutes from 24 March 2021 were accepted.
- + No business arising from the previous meeting as indicated in the minutes.

4. Reports

- + Principal's Update
 - NAPALAN: Tomorrow, 13 May 2021, is the end of National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) exams at the school. Ms Sinclair reported that it had gone well and that for most children it was their first formal experience of doing a test. The school will be looking at the trend data over a few years to see what it is showing. One of the goals is to take the pressure off the children and identify areas of additional support. Ms Sinclair said that the school will be online for NAPLAN next year and in August/ September this year they will start preparing for that.
 - Student reports: Ms Sinclair reported that team planning for reports happened in the first week of term 2 to ensure consistency in grades and focus for reports. It was noted that team meetings for teachers are ongoing and a priority for teachers is looking at work samples to ensure a consistent approach. Ms Sinclair said that they are wanting to get the children more involved in the report process so that they can become active participants in their education. Reports will go home to parents in week 10 of this term with interviews to take place in week 2 in term 3.
 - Executive professional learning at CoSiEs (Community of Schools in the Eastern Suburbs): It was reported that 4 of the 6 initiatives in the School Plan are really active:
 - collaborative practices through team planning;
 - o quality learning so everyone is on an individualised journey;
 - o embedding Information Communications Technology (ICT); and
 - o wellbeing.

Sustainability is another initiative in the school plan which is a focus.

Ms Sinclair said that there is an implementation and progress monitoring meeting to be attended by the executive with the Community of Schools in the Eastern Suburbs on 24 May 2021.

It was asked if staged classes are still being pursued. Ms Sinclair said that staged classes are part of the collaborative practices initiative in the school plan and explained that it is a way



to prevent high numbers in classes although noted that no decision had been made on it. There was detailed discussion around staged classes and the need for parents to be informed and consulted. A suggestion was to set up a working group with input from the Principal, teachers, parents and children. A town hall briefing was another suggestion. Ms Sinclair said that discussions need to be had and a decision made by September if the school was to move to staged classes next year. It was also noted that if staged classes are pursued enormous consideration will need to be given to the structure to also take into account social considerations.

+ Treasurer's Update

- The Treasurer noted that the P&C operates through two accounts being the operating account (Approx. \$89K) and the building account (Approx. \$29.8K), with the building account being a tax deductible vehicle.
- It was reported that there have been two key fundraising events to date namely the Easter fundraiser (approx. \$3k raised), Mother's Day stall (approx. \$5k raised) with upcoming events planned.
- Donations can now be made through 'Try Booking' using the QR code with those donations to be tax deductible.

+ Sub-Committee Updates

- Communication Sub-Committee: An update was provided on behalf of the Communications Sub-Committee. A new look infographic is being trialled and was sent out by the school on Tuesday, 11 May. New communication channels are also being looked at to engage the community to ensure parents and carers are getting all the information they need and in a consistent manner. There is a Vimeo channel and a plan to launch Glenmore Road TV starting with an episode a month showing the school and will involve students and Whatsapp groups have been setup by class parents. It was noted that the School Council should be included in the comms.
- Community & Events Sub-Committee: An update was provided on behalf of the Community & Events Sub-Committee. The main events to date have been the Easter fundraisers and Mother's Day stall. It was reported that there was a significant uptick in the amount raised and participation in the Mother's Day stall and a lot of positive feedback received. There was also a gelato stand at the end of term one which was generously provided by K&D Advisory who will also kindly be lending its support to a donut day at the end of this term. A movie night is in the process of being planned at the Chauvel which will be a minor fundraiser for the kids. A date is yet to be set for that event, possibly end of this term or early next term. The two significant fundraisers this year will be the Great Race of Paddo Streets (GRPS) on 28 August and Glenmore En Blanc on 30 October. It was noted that a large number of volunteers will be needed for this event. The Glenmore En Blanc will be an adults only event at the school.

It was noted that the meeting would be voting on how the money raised at the Mother's Day stall should be spent. The two options up for consideration were:

 murals for this school, which was an idea pitched by the school captains with the children to be involved in the design of the murals; and



EDU markings, which would replace the old markings in the school grounds.

The meeting voted via Menti in favour of the murals.

- <u>Uniform Shop Sub-Committee:</u> An update was provided on behalf of the Uniform Shop. It was noted that the cost of second hand uniforms was up for consideration, which are currently priced at \$2. There was substantial discussion around what might be an appropriate price for the second hand uniforms, which was the subject of a resolution. A detailed report was given on a recent visit to Harbord School's uniform shop. The sub-committee will be meeting with a few suppliers. It was noted that consistency with the uniform and flexibility with stock levels and storage is important. There will be a consultation process on the uniform in the near future. It was mentioned that next year will be the school's 140th year and it was discussed that this should be commemorated in some way through a special release jumper or otherwise. It was noted that more volunteers are needed particularly on a Wednesday and that the plan is to try and open earlier on a Wednesday morning. A stock take will be taking place soon. The meeting expressed their gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers.
- Grants Sub-Committee: There are two initiatives currently being considered for grants.
 - Worn up, which is a textile rescue program involved with around 40 schools. A resolution was put forward to go to Woollahra the Council for an environmental grant, which will be up to \$ 2,000 and valid for 12 months. There are costs associated with Worn Up for the pod, collection and a fee per kilogram for the uniforms to be recycled. Worn up will come to the school and educate parents and kids about the process which will be aligned with syllabus. Discussion was had around the costs associated with the program. It was noted that uniforms will still be kept if good quality and, if not of a quality which can be sold, will then be recycled.
 - A Rainbow room which was the subject of a resolution as part of a submission to be made to government for a Community Building Project grant. The proposal is to turn the unused canteen into a rainbow room, which is a safe space where children who are feeling overwhelmed or struggling can retreat to. A large number of schools in the UK have a rainbow room or butterfly room, a no judgement space to retreat to. The space could include calming furniture, textural floor coverings, soft cushions, relaxing craft, gentle music, a range of paper and pencils for writing or books that promote expression of emotion. There was discussion around the need for such a space by many children at the school and the far reaching benefits it would provide to the children, teachers and community. It was noted that the proposal has the support of the school and that a business model would need to be created for the space to ensure its success.

+ School Council Update

- An overview of the role of the School Council was provided, which is an advisory body made up of:
 - o the Principal
 - two school staff nominated members:
 - o the President of the P&C;
 - o three parent or carer members elected by the parents;



- one community member appointed by local government, business, industry or other relevant group.
- The parent representatives on the School Council are Danial Zammit, Tamsin Hunter and Jono Friedrich. The parent representatives are keen to make the School Council more accessible and want to ensure that parents and carers provide their feedback, thoughts or suggestions. A survey will be trialled this term.

Resolutions & adoptions

1. Building Fund

PASSED.

THAT a donation be made of <u>up to \$30,000</u> from the Building Fund to Glenmore Road Public School for cooling the hottest classrooms.

It was noted that based on feedback the school won't be eligible for an air conditioning for quite some time. Quotes are yet to be received and finalised but it is expected that it will cost around \$5,000 per classroom. Council and State government requirements will need to be met.

2. Mother's Day expense

PASSED.

THAT an expenditure of \$721 for Mother's Day gifts as part of the Mother's Day stall be incurred.

3. Mother's Day donation

PASSED.

THAT the profits of the Mother's Day stall of \$5,648 be donated to murals which was the item voted on at the P&C meeting.

4. Family movie night

PASSED.

THAT an expenditure of up to \$3,000 be incurred for the family movie night.

It is expected that there would be a profit of around \$1,500 but also the ability to raise funds in other ways. Tickets are expected to cost \$15 each.

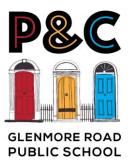
5. Father's and Special Other's Day

PASSED.

THAT an expenditure of <u>up to</u> \$1,000 for upfront costs for the Father's and Special Other's Day in term 3 be incurred.

It was noted that this was around the amount of money spent on Mother's Day for upfront costs.

6. Great Race of Paddo Streets



PASSED.

THAT an expenditure of up to \$3,000 for the Great Race of Paddo Streets be incurred.

It was noted that profits for this event could be \$50k or more.

7. Vimeo Account

PASSED.

THAT the GRPS Vimeo account be renewed at a cost of \$108 per annum to be used for the introduction of Glenmore Road TV.

8. Environmental Grant

PASSED.

THAT an environmental grant for Worn Up be submitted.

9. Community Building Partnership Grant

PASSED.

THAT the a CBP grant be submitted for the refurb of the canteen into a dedicated learning space and Rainbow Room.

10. Uniform Shop

PASSED.

THAT the price for second hand uniforms in the Uniform Shop be priced at <u>up to</u> \$5 with discretion for the Uniform Shop to price items less than that depending on the quality.

11. Zoom Account

PASSED.

THAT the Zoom subscription be renewed at a discounted cost of \$125 per month to allow for online meetings.

12. Teacher reimbursement

PASSED.

THAT the teachers reimbursement of up to \$200 per year be made for classroom resources.

Meeting closed at 9.41pm. Next meeting to take place in Term 3 on Wednesday, 11 August.