

NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF P&C MEETING 3/19

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2019

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President opened the meeting at 7.40pm and welcomed attendees to the third meeting of the year.

Attendance – Sharmila Soorian (President and Chair), Mirjam Roos (Secretary), Yasmin Tadich (School Council), Alex Youroukelis, France Beaulieu (Concert Band Coordinator), Tim Hawes (Vice President), Glen Giffen (Vice President)
Staff - Judy Goodsell (Principal), Victor Tan (Deputy Principal)

Apologies – Jenni Spillane (Treasurer), Vanessa Baumer-Rowley (past/ acting Events Coordinator), Jane Stevens (new Events Coordinator), John Byrne, (CEO OOSH)

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion (1): That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2019 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: France Beaulieu **Seconded:** Yasmin Tadich. All agreed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no business arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The principal's report covered the following matters:

- **Building News**

The Business Case has been submitted for approval. 2nd of August is the expected date of approval after which it can be shared with the community.

- **NAPLAN Online Update**

Year 3 students completed a paper/pencil NAPLAN writing test with Year 5 completing the writing test online. Disruptions to the test were experienced on the 14th of May, but went smoothly the next day.

The disruptions experienced sparked a discussion in the meeting. Yasmin Tadich noted some parents' concerns with the test. It was noted that the difficulties have been reported and a possible submission (concerns regarding the Year 5 online writing test) on behalf of the P&C to the Department of Education was discussed.

Some classes completed the reading test which the students were very engaged with. The test should provide better performance indication to the parents as there is no 'ceiling'.

- **Mother's Day Activities**

The Mother's Day activities included a High Tea and Dance - Thanks to Vanessa Baumer-Rowley for the big organisational effort as well as the parents that assisted.

- **Transition to High School Project**

Mosman High School and Harbourside Community of Schools are looking at improving our transition to high school program. Students and parents will be provided with the opportunity to complete a survey to improve the transitioning.

- **Merit Selection Procedures**

It was noted that there is a vacancy for a Deputy Principal at NBPS. The parent representative on the panel should be nominated by the P & C Executive and ratified by School Council. The parent rep on the DP panel is Jim Becker, VP School Council.

- **Relieving Deputy Principal**

During the Principal's leave from Monday 27 May until the end of term Victor Tan will be Relieving Principal and Genevieve Carnegie will be relieving DP.

- **Election Barbeque**

A large turn out is expected and volunteers are still needed.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Victor Tan gave a presentation on 'Tell Them From Me', an online student, outlining some results from term 1, years 4, 5 and 6. A snapshot of the results was shown, which indicated NBPS's students to generally have positive relationships at school as well as a sense of belonging. In some instances, a small gap between girls and boys was apparent (positive relationships) which may need to be investigated further.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The meeting noted the following matters from the Treasurer's report:

- The Mother's Day events were successful and raised approx. \$6,000-7,000
- A suggestion had been made by the Principal for the P&C to contribute to costs incurred Voluntary parent contributions to date are at approximately \$100K, compared to \$130K at the same time last year

7. SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

- It was reported that all office bearing positions had been re-filled with the same representatives, including Kim Thompson being re-elected as president.
- Jessica Keen is proposed as an additional community representative.
- For the school upgrade works, the Principal and other members of staff will visit other school facilities for classroom design benchmarking purposes.
- The minutes of the last meeting will be uploaded and made available to the community very soon.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd of May.

8. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) UNIFORM SHOP

- It was noted that size 16 clothing is more expensive, however will be sold at the same price as the other sizes even though it does not allow for any margins/ profit.
- It was reported that the Rag Tags are not being sewn in any more but will be offered separately (for parents to sew on).

b) EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

- The upcoming events are as follows:
 - BBQ and cake stall for the election day on the 18th of May. A roster has been set-up for volunteers; however volunteers are still required.
 - 22nd of June: Cocktail Evening
 - 31st October: Halloween Festival (with rides but less food and stalls compared to the previous School Fair)

b) BAND

Sunday, 19th May was noted as being the workshop day.

d) CANTEEN

Nothing to report

OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the three banners of the Honour Board had a positive impact and a note had been submitted to the Mosman Daily for publication. They have now been moved to the Yeo Street side of the school.

The restoration of the Honour Board was reported to be in the vicinity of \$34K out of which \$14K are expected to be provided by the P&C.

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE

12.6.19

