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## MINUTES P&C MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023

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### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President Liz Henry opened proceedings and welcomed attendees. Meeting commenced at 7:05pm with Welcome to Country.

Attendance – Liz Henry (President), Neil Cruttenden (Secretary), Elizabeth Barnett (Vice President), Rachel Thompson (Events), Joanna Anderson, Alice Lai (Treasurer), Nada Abdelhamid (Asst Treasurer), Chris Devitt (vice President), Karina So, Marjorie Trevillion, Jen Harris (canteen)

Staff – Kate MacInnes (Deputy Principal), Victor Tan (Asst Principal)

**Apologies** – Elizabeth Brennan

### 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated. The minutes have been proposed by Alice Lai, seconded by Elizabeth Barnett and Accepted.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

### 5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Staffing** - Catherine Dauth, Samantha Gilster

**Education Week** - Term 3 Week 3

**Indigenous Education** - National Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC Week,

HPGE - professional learning in differentiation eg. choice, creative thinking, inclusiveness, recognising different forms of high potential (intellectual, physical, emotional, intellectual), understanding diversity

**Student Wellbeing** - ready to learn charts and peer support Term 3

**Curriculum Reform** - teacher collaboration, improved ways of teaching curriculum, release for teachers, quality curriculum

**Sporting achievements** - Hana swimming and cross country, Lachie rugby league, soccer knockout, cricket knockout, athletics carnival

Academic - Canberra excursion, public speaking at north sydney, Bear Pit, band, band camp

## **Building Upgrade - Changes to our playground**

We have been working to improve our playground in preparation for the building upgrade. Here are some of the changes we have made:

- a reduction in the number of large ball games taking place on the grass area for safety
- professional soccer and high jump coaches giving skills to students
- visiting Forsyth Park during the week to give children access to green space
- organising parallel play activities such as art and drawing spaces, design and build spaces, passive play and reading spaces, indoor spaces with activities such as table tennis, chess and board games
- painting of additional handball courts
- talking to the children about what is happening and why it is important
- listening to the children's thoughts and acting on their ideas.

## **Building timeline**

- April 2011 - J Block completed
- Nov 2014 - Kindyland completed
- August 2016 - School Council seeks plan from school designed and planner - Vicki Van Dijk
- December 2016 - Presentation of possible school design
- June 2017 - Letter sent to minister by School Council
- Feb 2018 - School Council. In 2018 NBPS has 38 classes and over 960 students. Rachel Partis to write a follow up letter to the Minister for Education, Rob Stokes, highlighting the school's capacity issues, how it is impacting teaching and learning and re-stating the reasons why infrastructural changes are required. Copy in local North Shore member Felicity Wilson.

- June 2018 - funding in budget for Neutral Bay PS announced
- Feb 2019 - School Council PRG No 4 – 18th March

Over the past months the project team have developed a good understanding of the site constraints and heritage. They are considering:

- the condition and lifespan of existing buildings we keep or replace
- access for students and deliveries
- improvements to playspace
- how we keep the school operational and safe during building
- The timeline depends on the preferred option and the number of stages to deliver that option.

- March 2019 - local member stands on a platform which includes the delivery of an upgrade to Neutral Bay PS

- February 2020 School Council

Recommendation made that School Council should develop a plan for community consultation regarding the school upgrade, once the business case is approved.

It was suggested that a potential visit to Rainbow Street Public School may be worthwhile to observe future focused learning in practice.

Jillian expressed her dissatisfaction in the lack of information provided to School Council regarding the status of the school upgrade business case and where it sits on the Treasury timeline. She requests a member of School Infrastructure NSW visits to talk with the School Council. Specifically, Jillian requests School Council is provided information regarding;

- A status report of where the business case and if it has gone to NSW Cabinet
- A schedule for upcoming PRG meetings

- April 2021 School Council

## **AGENDA 2: VISIT FROM SHARON SANDS AND DAN HERBERTSON**

- Update by Dan Herbertson from School Infrastructure NSW 1. School upgrade business submitted last year is currently with Treasury. Budget to be held in May.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Since the last meeting, we've hosted Mother's Day stall sale, Mother's Day Dance and Pampered Pooch Parade and raised combined net proceeds of \$7k. It was great to see the event grow year on year and the great community turnout.

Uniform shop generated \$3k profits from the last 2 Near New sale thanks to the donations from parents and our team of volunteers.

We aim to do a full review of Canteen profit and loss post term 2 and provide an update in the next meeting in term 3.

Finally our uniform shop accountant is seeking fee increase of circa 9% from \$393 to \$429 effective June month end.

## **7. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) UNIFORM SHOP**

### **b) EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING**

### **c) CANTEEN**

Running well, still need more volunteers

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting Closed 8:16pm

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

CHAIR

DATE