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## P&C MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

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### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President Liz Henry opened proceedings and welcomed attendees. Meeting commenced at 7:05pm with an Acknowledgement of Country by Chris Davitt.

Attendance – Liz Henry (President), Elizabeth Barnett , Alice Lai (Treasurer), Rachel Thompson (Events), Libby Brennan (Communications Coordinator), Jen Harris (Canteen Coordinator). Jo Anderson, Marjorie Trevillion (Vice President)

Staff – Mr Victor Tan (Deputy Principal), Ms Su Hill (Deputy Principal)

**Apologies** – Neil Cruttenden (Secretary), Sally Davitt (Vice President), Sally Davitt (Canteen Treasurer)

#### **Welcoming remarks - Liz Henry**

Thank you to the school staff for continuing to listen to parent community concerns around the school upgrade, following from our last P&C meeting.

It's been a bit of a year with losing members of our school community. We moved last week's scheduled P&C meeting in recognition of this, and we feel these losses in our community. We are thinking of all of those we have lost and we hope to look after their families and loved ones.

### 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated. The minutes have been proposed by Libby Brennan, seconded by Rachel Thompson and Accepted. Striking that Libby Brennan was absent.

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

Impact of school building works - answered within the meeting and followed up with Q&A within the school newsletter.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

David Paton – sitting on cement  
Speakers for assemblies

## 5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Victor Tan

Staffing

Blake Lowes

Jen Carew

Rita Vaccarella

Alison Schmidt

Kate Macinnes

Maddie Stack

Rachel Dempsey

Genevieve Carnegie

Kyle Sheather

Tournament of Minds Competition - Sunday 27 August

On Sunday 27 August, five Neutral Bay PS teams competed in the Tournaments of Minds Sydney North

Regional Competition. Tournament of Minds is an international program designed to encourage

students to develop their cooperative problem-solving using creative and critical thinking skills. Teams

are required to solve open-ended challenges in the Arts, STEM, Language Literature or Social Sciences.

Thank you to Ms Brown and Ms Hatfield who prepared the teams over the last five weeks. This

weekend two team are participating in the state competition at University of NSW

Operation Art

Operation Art showcases selected visual art works from across the state. Congratulations to the

following students whose artworks will be exhibited in Operation Art 2023 at the Armory Gallery,

Sydney Olympic Park in September:

● Noah (Year 4)

● Annabelle (Year 4)

● Mia (Year 3)

● Hazel (Year 2)

Public Speaking at the North Sydney Council Citizenship Ceremony

Congratulations to Alex (Year 5) and Emme (Year 4) who represented Neutral Bay PS at a citizenship

ceremony last Friday. They presented eloquent speeches of the highest quality on the importance

and values of becoming an Australian citizen.

Bands at Australian Band and Orchestra Festival

On Sunday, the bands played skilfully and deservedly were awarded for their outstanding performances. The results were:

Junior Band - silver

Senior Band - silver

Concert Band - gold

Peer Support & Belonging

This year, peer support groups are conducting the module 'Keeping friends: Developing positive relationships'. This module is peer-led, run by pairs of trained Year 6 students, with participants from Year 1 through to Year 5. Thank you to Ms Michelle Chandra and Ms Marina Mondal for coordinating

Peer Support this year.

Items in belonging survey

- I am able to make friends when I am at school.
- School is a place where I feel like I belong.
- I feel accepted by other children in my grade
- I feel accepted by the teachers at the school
- My teacher talks with me about how I am doing at school
- My teacher encourages me to do well at school
- My teacher cares about me
- My teacher listens to what I have to say
- My teacher encourages me to do better

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

Canteen - in our previous meeting we reported to be in a loss position, and sought to investigate ways to reverse this including price increases.

During investigations, we uncovered accounting discrepancies so we are not in fact in a loss position. We investigated winding back price increases, but this is not feasible due to increasing staff costs. We can forecast ahead for next year, so we are offering up Combo Deals to provide some savings.

Nearly New Sale - \$600 made in our last sale. Stock is running low, we will put in a call out for donations at end of the year when more better quality stock can hopefully be received.

Financial year end is in September - P&C will do a stocktake at the end of Term 3. Flexischools uniform ordering will close for 2 weeks prior to stocktake. Notification will be advised in the newsletter.

## **7. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) UNIFORM SHOP - Liz Henry**

Good supply. Thank you to Sylvia for always seeking to negotiate better pricing via bulk ordering

Nearly New Sale - more volunteers requested, including a new coordinator. Our current coordinator Tamia has been running it for 5 years now.

### **b) EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING - Rachel Thompson**

Upcoming term 3 events:

Fri 1st September

Father's Day Gift Stall - run by K-1 parents. \$5 and \$10 gifts for sale.

Father's Day BBQ - run by Yr 2-3 parents. Need more volunteers.

Sat 16th September

Trivia and Dinner night for parents. Confirming venue and to be promoted imminently.

### **c) CANTEEN - Jen Harris**

Combo Deals started this week - 50c discount - also driving more orders to traditionally quiet days on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Thank you to all of our volunteers - much better numbers!

Hotdog day planned for Week 5 will still continue in spite of the Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival. We will put in a smaller order to cover K-2. Yr 3-6 to be notified that lunch orders will not be accepted on Weds 16th Aug due to Athletics Carnival.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Kindergarten Juicy Fairies - Friday is confirmed

Kindy parent volunteers to be requested, and Skoolbag notification to go out.

## **9. SPONSORSHIP**

Our biggest activity involving community sponsorship is coming up this month, the Online Auction. We have over 70 prizes valued at over \$16,000. It opens 14th August and concludes 16th September. The auction is viewable here: <https://www.32auctions.com/2023NBPSauction>

Confirmed sponsors who are donating prizes for our Online Auction include: The Hideout Bar, Kwik Kopy Neutral Bay, Zia's Cakes and Treats, Food St, Neutral Bay Club, Neutral Bay School of Dance, Timbertime Toys, Kuerida Jewellery Design, The Colonial, Mosman Martial Arts Academy and BX1 Gym, Big Music Crows Nest, Taronga Zoo, Le Patissier, Verve Photography, Tinkertank, Gunners Barracks, Luna Park, Youth Sports Australia, Mahona Wellbeing, Exolt Gym, Moss Hair Artistry, Grantham Buyers Agents, Lush Flower Co, The Skin Code by Bronzealicious, Art Box Studios, Motiv8sports, North Shore Golf Studio, Limes Dry Cleaners, NumberWorksNWords, PopNChew, Mr Yip Dumplings, CityCave Crows Nest, Crockd, Merrigal Gifts, Marj Silva Interior Design and Bird & Bear Group who look after five venues around Sydney including locally Mosman Rowers, Flying Bear, Foys.

Thank you to all of our sponsors for your generous support.

Meeting closed at 8:23pm.

Our next meeting will take place Week 8, Term 3 (Wednesday 6th September).

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

CHAIR

DATE