

# NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

## P & C ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF P&C MEETING 1/19

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019

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#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President opened the meeting at 8 pm and welcomed attendees to the meeting. It was noted that Mirjam Roos was appointed Secretary and Jane Stevens Events Coordinator.

**Attendance** – Sharmila Soorian (President and Chair), Judy Goodsell (Principal), Victor Tan (Vice-President), Anita Alexander, Kim Thompson (School Council), Alex Youroukelis, Anna Gibson, Jim Becker (School Council), Monica Gessner, Yasmin Tadich, Jocelyn Greig, Mirjam Roos (Secretary), Tim Hawes (Vice-President), Glen Giffen, Vanessa Baumer-Rowley.

#### Apologies–

Jenni Spillane (Treasurer), Kelly Lockhart (Deputy Principal), Jane Stevens (Events Coordinator).

#### 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

**Motion (1):** That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2018 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Glen Giffen **Seconded:** Tim Hawes. All agreed.

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

There was no business arising.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted that Geoffrey Charles Deegan, the next door neighbour has passed away on 3 February at 94 years of age. On behalf of the P&C and NBPS the funeral was attended by Judy Goodsell (Principal) and Sharmila Soorian (President) who has brought a wreath on behalf of the P&C and spoke to the family.

#### 5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The principal's report covered the following matters:

- **Welcome**
- **Kindergarten** - 126 Kindergarten children commenced school in 6 Kindergarten classes
- **New School Year** - 952 students enrolled this year, entitling the school to 37 classes. The school is funding an extra class to enable smaller class sizes and to enable students to commence in their new classes from day 1.
- **Thank you P & C** for their financial contribution to the teachers' Christmas Party last year
- **Staffing** - 3 new teachers who will be introduced to the school community at the Welcome Drinks.
- **Enrolling in Your Local Secondary School in 2018**
  - Expressions of Interest for Year 6 students enrolling in their local high schools have been distributed
  - The Selective High Schools test will be on Thursday 14 March
  - Selective High Schools Information Morning on 26 February for Year 5 parents
  - Kindergarten help your child to read session on 21 February

- Information on selective stream entry can be found on individual High School websites
- **School Holiday Work**
  - The train was installed
  - synthetic grass/landscaping works have been undertaken
  - The school has applied for the installation of 12 air conditioners for classrooms as part of the cool schools program.
- **2019 School Priorities**
  - Instructional Leaders – K-2 and 3-6 to drive the introduction of new syllabus documents, lead collective learning in the school (curriculum groups) and work with teachers in the classroom to model what works best.
  - Visible Learning- growth mindset and learning intentions
  - Refining the PBL program to improve consistency.
  - Community engagement- Media Officer, implemented the Skoolbag App.
  - Reading support programs initiated for students in Years 1, 2 and 3. Full-time teacher to run the Minilit and Maqqilit programs.
- **Building News** - 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.

### NAPLAN Online

Victor Tan gave a presentation on the new NAPLAN Online tool and noted the following matters:

- Starting one year ahead of the national requirement, NAPLAN will be undertaken online from this year onwards.
- Benefits of the online testing were highlighted, in particular the ability for tailored testing (tests being adjusted to the students' individual performance) and ability for comparative data analysis
- Whilst Year 3 will continue with handwritten testing in 'writing', from Year 5 onwards the testing will be done online. This has triggered a roll-out of a typing learning programme which will start from Kindergarten onwards.
- More information on the online testing tool will be provided in the upcoming newsletter.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- With the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school's honour board this year, it was proposed to create and display three display honour banners that display the names on the Honour Board. Kwik Kopy, Neutral Bay has been noted as a sponsor which will then leave \$426 to be paid for three banners which can also be used for Anzac Day on a yearly basis.

**Motion (2):** That the banners are being ordered as noted above.

**Moved:** Sharmila Soorian **Seconded:** Glen Giffen. All agreed.

- The Principal noted that an application is currently in process to register the honour board as a memorial. Once successfully registered, the school will then be able to apply for a grant to have the board restored/ renovated.

## 7. SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The first meeting of 2019 had taken place on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. It was noted that there are two new teacher representatives who took part in the meeting. The principal has given a report and outlook of what lies ahead in 2019 during the meeting.

The AGM is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2019.

## **8. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) UNIFORM SHOP**

The meeting noted the following matters concerning the Uniform Shop:

- The recent second hand sales (everything \$2) has raised a total of \$900
- New blazers are being purchased for school captains and for school representation in public events

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

The meeting noted the following matters from the report from the Events and Fundraising Coordinator:

- Jane Stevens has been appointed the new Events and Fundraising Coordinator
- The upcoming events are as follows:
  - Welcome Drinks 1<sup>st</sup> of March
  - BBQ and cake stall for the election day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March
  - School Picnic 29<sup>th</sup> of March

### **c) BAND**

The meeting noted the following matters from the report of the Band Committee:

- There are now two band coordinator for each band and four coordinators for the band camp

### **d) CANTEEN**

The meeting noted a smooth start into the year with the same staff. As the class rosters are being introduced, more volunteers are being expected.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that there are still vacancies within the P&C:

- Canteen Coordinator
- Vice President
- Assistant Treasurer
- Canteen Treasurer

The school council election was held at the end of the meeting. The council election results will be out in the following school newsletter and will be minuted at the next P&C meeting.

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

CHAIR

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