

Dee Why Public School P&C Association

Meeting 05/12/18 Minutes

DISCUSSION & AGENDA:

- **Welcome and introduction to new members – Juan**

- **Attendance**

- Mark Chaffer, Principal; Juan Duvanced, President; Heather Cervantes, Vice President; Rachel Applewhite, Secretary; Taryn Childs, Treasurer; Jules Bellamy; Kathie Palamara; Erin Higgins; Joel Obrien; Pranjal Rajput; Elaine Timmer; Wendy Bourne; Ram Prashad Gnawali

- **Apologies**

- Olga Pantschenko

- **Minutes of last meeting**

- Approved by Heather, Seconded by Wendy

- **Canteen Report**

- We have some very exciting things happening in the canteen at the moment.

We are very close to complying with the NSW Healthy School Canteen criteria, with only a few small changes left to make. Under the new policy, we will need to stop selling Calippos, which will mean finding an alternative through Streets or sourcing a new chest freezer, as the one we currently use is provided by Streets. The only Healthy Schools Canteen approved alternative they provide is Weiss Bars, which we will need to sell for \$2.

- Kathie asked Mark C to put a link to flexischools on the school website, as it is not currently on there.

- Kathie raised concerns over Disco stock numbers, in regards to her end of year stocktake. The exec committee is in agreement that because this stock is ordered through the canteen and the items not sold during the disco are generally absorbed back into the canteen to be sold, that counting them should not be an issue for her.

- In regards to space within the canteen to accommodate for a dishwasher and other items in future, Kathie suggested Extending the canteen forwards – towards the open playground space. Mark will pass this suggestion on to the planners when they next visit.

- We have been trying to work out what to do in regard to staffing the canteen. Having just one employee is not practical, what if Kathie gets sick? We would like to trial opening the canteen on Fridays with a second casual employee. Heather suggests an allocation of no more than \$380 to trial and train a new casual canteen staff member. Motioned – Taryn, Seconded – Rachel A

- **Special Guest – Jules Bellamy,
Coastal Environment Centre Co-ordinator for the Northern Beaches Council**

Waste Audits

- The majority of school waste is designed to be single use. Doing a waste audit of the school, with the kids, is a really fun way to understand and reduce the amount of waste you are currently creating.

The students and teachers collect the days waste from around the school, labelling where it has been collected from.

Waste is then sorted into categories – Organic Waste; Recyclable Paper; Recyclable Containers; Recyclable Soft Plastics; Waste/Landfill.

Each category is then weighed and the results are logged.

There was particular interest in the amount of food waste, especially food that hadn't been touched by the kids.

From there we compare where the waste items have come from (Canteen, home, etc) and think of how we can work towards reducing the amount of waste.

The following term another Waste Audit is carried out and the results are compared.

Climate Change

- Jules spoke about Climate Change and we watched a short video on this.

Other than reducing our waste, we can look into reducing our energy consumption.

Northern Beaches Council can assess the school and quote costs and savings of installing Solar Power at the school.

The Department of Education are currently paying 50% of the cost of installing Solar Power at schools, although this may change in future so Jules suggests acting quickly to ensure we get this rate.

- **Principal's Report - December 2018**

- There have been lots of great things happening around the school lately, including a visit from the Life Education Van in November. A lot of parents will remember Life Education and Healthy Harold visiting their schools when they were younger, so it's great to see that the program is still running and the kids are still really enjoying it.

-We had our "Techno Kids" Honour Assemblies on the 29th of November. Well done to all the boys and girls that received awards, and thank you to all the Parents, Grandparents and Friends that came to assembly.

- The school will be holding a Volunteer's Morning Tea to thank all the wonderful volunteers for the time they have given to help around the school with Literacy Groups, Scripture, in the Canteen and Uniform Shop and during other school events. We would also like to extend an extra thank you to the P&C for all their hard work over the year.

- This Friday is Momo Day! It has been a big hit in the past and we're sure it will be this year, too. The price will be \$5 for 6 Momos and \$1 for fruit juice.

- School Reports will be emailed out in around 2 weeks time.

- Each grade will have their end of year grade days towards the end of term. The Kindergarteners will be having a Beach Carnival, Stage 1 will be heading to Zone Bowling, Stages 2 and 3 will be heading to Manly Slip and Slide and Grade 6 will be having a Games Day. We hope all the boys and girls have a great time at these fun events.

● **President's Report**

- We won't have any more meetings till our AGM in March. Juan would like to meet with the Activities Committee before then to discuss the Welcome Picnic and just generally get to know each other.

- Before the AGM we will also need to have all P&C run businesses audited. Juan suggests we allocate \$1,000 towards this.

Moved - Rachel A, Seconded - Taryn.

● **Vice President and Treasurer's Reports**

Uniform Shop

- November sales total - \$7072, inc. Cash \$1187, Flexischools \$1612, EFTPOS \$4273

- We will consider reducing the Best Start Uniform Shop trading days from 5 days (prev. Mon-Fri) to 3 or 4 days (Mon-Thurs or Tues-Thurs) but have it open for longer hours.

Heather suggested we approve 12 hours total trading time.

Moved - Mark, Seconded - Taryn.

Disco

- The Disco went well, all the kids had a wonderful time! Check-ins were great safety initiative and we will work on streamlining this process for future discos.

- Heather suggests we lock in the 2nd last Friday of each term for all Discos next year, provided they do not clash with other School events. All are in agreement.

School Activities Committee

- We are going to try and organise an official “Class Parent” for each class next year. They will be responsible for rallying parents in their class/year group. This should help to spread the work a bit more evenly than it has been previously.

- The P&C plan to hold a “Welcome Picnic” for new and existing families in term 1 of next year. This will be held on school grounds, after school, one day in February. All will be welcome and it will be a great opportunity for parents to get to know each other in an informal setting.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

- To say thank you to all the teachers and school employees that have helped and volunteered their time during the year, the P&C would like to provide lunch for them one day towards the end of term.

Suggested budget of \$400. Moved - Rachel A, Seconded - Taryn.

Canteen

- The Canteen barely broke even this month. We will look into pricing along with the figures from the upcoming audit.

- Due to work, study, and other commitments, Rachel A will be resigning as secretary following this meeting

Meeting closed 9:20pm

Next meeting 6th March, 7.30pm in the School Library

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