



**Dee Why School Parents and Citizen Association
General Meeting
Minutes
Term 1 6th March 2019**

Welcome

Welcome and thanks from Heather, introductions to new members.

Attendance

Mark Chaffer, Principal; Kate La Peyre, Stage 2 Assistant Principal; Heather Cervantes, Vice President; Taryn Childs, Treasurer; Olga Pokhilko, Uniform Shop Manager; Wendy Bourne; Kathie Palamara, Canteen Manager; Hattie Delaney; Katrina Chapman; Linda Gee; Claudia Zwar; Marisa Seppattha; Priscilla Girlins; Jenny Contreras; Rashmi Shrestha; Sabrina Scherer; Sasha Rajak; Rosie Rajak

Apologies

Rachel Applewhite, Elaine Timmer, Juan Duvanced

Minutes of last meeting (December 2018) approved by Wendy. Seconded by Taryn.

Principal's Report

Informed that the P&C links on the website are working again. P&C to make sure all information on there is correct and advise Mark if anything needs to be changed. Dental clinic is being converted to new classrooms in 2019 to accommodate growing enrolments.

The school is hosting the state election on the 23rd March, P&C should consider a fundraiser (BBQ etc) for next election in May. If we could get commitments from enough volunteers it would be a fantastic initiative.

See attached Principal's Report for further items mentioned.

Uniform Shop

Presented by Olga. Best Start went well, excellent sales. There have been some stock issues with size 6 and 8 polo shirts. As previously mentioned, production for stock is up to two months. Olga feels we are well prepared for Winter. Thanks to Mark for the new cupboards being installed - a great solution for our storage problems! Thank you to Olga and our volunteers who keep the uniform shop running smoothly! We also need to order PSSA socks.

Canteen

Presented by Kathie. As a priority we need to make a decision on the streets freezer. No other suppliers offer a freezer and Kathie has assured Streets we will give them an answer ASAP. Mark has agreed that the school will fund a new freezer. Heather to provide quotes and options for approval ASAP. The drinks fridge from Parmalat is meeting requirements at the moment. Thank you to our volunteers. Due to all the changes in the canteen, there is a lot more dishwashing for Kathie to do, which is obviously taking up more time. Call for possible solutions? Huge thank you to families and students for collecting soft plastics, food scraps etc. New kindy kids have settled in really well. New product 'Juiceys' are getting popular. Supplied by Manly Freezers and Healthy Canteen approved as an everyday item.

At the moment, a small renovation would be required for a dishwasher. There would be a loss of storage and installation and plumbing would be required. Mark does not think assets would need involvement. Kathie has recommended an industrial dishwasher would be required. At the moment plastic containers are being used. Kathie will advise when we are low on containers so the sustainability committee can look at alternatives.

President's and School Activities Report

Presented by Heather. Recap of 2018, an eventful year! There is no longer a fundraising committee. It has been absorbed by the school activities sub committee. We have introduced class parents to help distribute responsibilities and information to parents. We are anticipating it will make things easier and increase participation. All our events will now be hosted by a year group. Eg. the T1 disco is being hosted by year 1. The P&C have done very little fundraising so far.

Heather has suggested as a way to support the P&C, we introduce P&C fees. Many other schools do it. There is a growing demand and it would be voluntary and sent out with the school fees etc. Consider for the future and further feedback is required. Proposed \$5-\$20. Heather would like to explore businesses sponsoring us or certain events to keep costs down.

Teacher appreciation lunch was a huge success, thanks to woollies. Best Start successful and tea and tissues had a good turnout. The Welcome Picnic was a huge success, thanks to all staff for staying and helping!

The upcoming disco is on the 5th April. Due to issues with DJ Kit Kat (price is very expensive and there were issues with the equipment overheating and the music stopping every few minutes at the T4 2018 disco). Heather has suggested we explore other options. She has suggested Bop til you Drop, cost is \$470 for 3 hours. Heather moved, Wendy seconded - APPROVED. No objections.

We have the Easter Hat Parade and grandfriends day coming up this term. We need more volunteers! We also have Mothers Day very early in Term 2. We are in the process of ordering gifts and will need volunteers to run the stalls in T2 week 2.

Suggestion for disco would be a change to the pricing structure. Eg ticket plus snack and drink would be \$8, ticket only \$6. This would eliminate the need for cash sales inside the hall anymore. Should be considered for Term 2 disco.

Sustainability

Presented by Hattie. 2019 is going to be a big year! Sustainability committee is maintained by teachers and parents who care about our environment. The Solar power application is in progress. Jules Bellamy has visited the teaching staff. There is lots of support from teachers. There will be a waste audit on the 22nd March by year 4. There is now also a veggie patch in front of the kindergarten classrooms. Volunteers/green thumbs welcome! Also keep feeding and turning the compost bins. There are more bins coming. Suggestion of an environment levy being introduced, \$2 per student. Further discussion needed and possibility of it being added for 2020. Jules Bellamy is helping to organise bins. Funding is not an issue, we just need advice on what exactly to purchase. Newsletter to have its own section on sustainability.

Reminder from Heather that the next meeting is April 3rd, which will be the AGM. Don't forget to bring along \$1 to for 2019 membership fee.

Meeting ended 8:54pm.

Next meeting at 7:30pm in the School Library