Petersham Public School P&C Association
Minutes from the Meeting held on 19th February 2013 - 7.30pm


2. Acceptance of Minutes – 20th November 2012
   Motion: That the minutes of the last meeting be accepted
   Moved: Carl Broockman    Seconded: Robbie Fotheringham    Carried

3. Membership Payments
   - Payment for 4 new members received.

4. Election of Vacant positions
   - Secretary – Motion that Jennifer O’Callaghan be accepted as Secretary
     Moved: Amil Pagliasso    Seconded: Rob Stuart    Carried
   - Vice President – Motion that Vicky Carr be accepted as Vice President
     Moved: Rachel Booth    Seconded: Amanda Miller    Carried

5. Correspondence
   - Letter received from PLAN sponsor child ‘Moises’. Robbie will put in the School Newsletter.
   - Fundraising pamphlets re: Mother’s Day gifts.
   - Information re P&C Conference in July 2013.

6. Matters arising from previous meeting
   - No matters arising

7. President’s Report: Carl Broockmann
   - Nothing to report

8. Principal’s Report: Robbie Fotheringham
   - 233 students this year
   - Re: staffing. Jenny Huynh will now be working with 2/3 class. Mary Bromhead running music & choir 2 days per week. Franca La Rosa is doing ESL 3 days. David Cull in Library 3 days and Reading Recovery 2 days.
   - Dance groups have commenced. Strong Band Program this year.
   - Parent Info Evening on Wednesday 27 February. There’ll be no meet-and-greet afterwards this year.
   - Grandparents Day is Friday 22 March.
   - Best Start Kinder Assessments are being finalised and will be sent home soon.
   - Annual School Report is underway. Looking for volunteer to look at draft/s. Janet Merewether offered to assist.
   - Management Plan Areas of priority are Literacy, Numeracy and Science. Hoping to improve on last year. Targets for the year are in Reading, Spelling, Numeracy and Science.
   - There is a new English Syllabus. There will be extra Staff Developments Days on 29 and 30 April.
   - Teachers participated in DEC’s mandatory CPR, Code of Conduct and Child Protection Updates. Teachers also attending courses in Numeracy, English Syllabus Implementation, technology, Lit & Numeracy with the IWB.
   - SASS SAM Sandy on leave for Term 1, Sue Hodge relieving.
   - Robbie acknowledged and thanked the new P&C executive members.
9. **Treasurer’s Report: Olga Gruzdeff**
- Transferred signatories to Rachel Booth, Carl Broockman, Janet Merewether & Olga Gruzdeff.
- Electronic banking is now set up, but has not been trialled as yet.
- Raised possibility of a new sponsorship project, as well as current PLAN sponsorship, as we have excess funds available.
- Presented the Income and Expenditure Statement for Period 21 Nov 2012 to 19 Feb 2013. Olga has been working with Nathalie Jackson (outgoing treasurer) on this. She welcomes comments and suggestions on the new spreadsheet format.
- Current available cash position for P&C is $2,228.

10. **Reports from Sub-Committees:**

   **Landscaping Sub-Committee:**
   - Working Bee proposed for Sunday 17 March, 9am-12 pm, including a BBQ for helpers. Aim to tidy up before Grandparents Day. Olga Gruzdeff suggested we seek donation of native plants for the grounds. She will follow up with Marrickville Council.

   **Fundraising Sub-Committee:**
   - Rachel Booth submitted a proposed 2013 P&C Fundraising Programs/Events Calendar for discussion and comment.
   - Proposed events include: Family Fun Fiesta, Easter Raffle, Mother’s Day Stall/Breakfast, Walkathon, Movie night/s, Bunnings BBQ, Father’s Day Stall/Breakfast, 5c collection for PLAN, Halloween Disco, and a number of mufti days and raffles.
   - Robbie Fotheringham commented that there were some clashes with proposed dates eg Walkathon. She also raised the issue of increased staff involvement and licensing fees if 2 separate movie nights (K-2 & 2-6) were to go ahead.

   **Band Sub-Committee:**
   - Austin O’Hearn reported (via Olga) on band numbers at start of the year:
     - Mondays – Junior Recorder Group – (year 3) 20 members
     - Tuesdays – Recorder Consort - (years 4-6) 13 members
     - Wednesdays – Training Band – 44, with 31 new members
     - Thursdays – Strings – 6 members
     - Fridays – Concert Band – 21 members

   **Finance Sub-Committee:**
   - Robbie Fotheringham and Olga Gruzdeff to arrange a meeting this term.

   **Class Reps Sub-Committee:**
   - Information re: Class Reps will feature in forthcoming School Newsletter, and nomination forms will go home next week.

11. **General:**
- Further fundraising ideas were suggested:
  - Calendar which features local businesses, $250 paid to P&C
  - Fundraising Chocolates, to be made available at Office for parents to take home and sell
  - Teatowels featuring self-portraits of children. This idea was well-received and aiming to organise before Grandparents Day.

   - Amanda Miller raised the issue of lack of internet connection and computers in the new 10th classroom (2N). Robbie said that computers had been ordered and arrival was imminent, and that internet connection to the classroom was forthcoming. Phone connection was also coming.

12. **Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 19 March 2013, 7.30pm
    **Meeting closed:** 9.05pm