



**THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C Meeting Agenda
Tuesday 6th September 2016**

1. Opening and Apologies

Present: , Debbie Flanagan, Martina Miller, , Alex Gayl, , Veryan McCallister, Susan Parry, Kate McGettigan, , Patty Correll, Chantal Mamo, Nicci Fishwick, Julie Tanger, Rachel Dunn, Fleur Findlay, Leigh Bornstein Dana Logudice, Lisa Pang, Vanessa Oliveri, Anke Vaughan, Caroline Dalzell, Cameron Saunders

Apologies: Yvonne Curren Amanda Long Jacqueline McLeod , Julia Kent, Kerith Massey Michelle Christopher Warrick Edwards, Emma Fenton, Jane Massam

2. Minutes of the Meeting – 14th June 2016

Amendment to minutes 14.06.16 - Yvonne Curran attendance needs to be clarified should be in apologies not attendance, and in addition Julia Kent was present. Otherwise minutes approved: Proposed: Debbie Flanagan, Seconded: Martina Miller.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

3.1 Organising a talk for parents and students (yr3 – yr6) on “where do I come from/ puberty etc” : To be brought forward to next meeting

4. Correspondence

4.1 Letter form Margaret Liddle thanking P&C for investment in CARES programme

5. Principal’s Report - see Appendix 1

6. Reports – P&C Subcommittees

6.1 President

- P & C made a commitment earlier to pay \$500 for girls’ basketball team if they made the state finals - this will need to be paid up now as they did achieve this. Well done.
- Veryan attended P & C federation meeting just before spring fair. In 2017 P& C need WWC register for themselves. Another thing to note that there are big changes coming in through board of studies - all aimed at stronger HSC standards – looking at standards across the country and how state performs. New syllabus and capped assessment tasks. 2017 there will be a new HSC and Naplan. Chantal explained this is not necessarily good for the teaching – this puts pressure on teachers to teach to a test.

6.2 Treasurer - See Appendix 3 – Excel Attachments

- Spring Fair Profit calculation almost 50K total profit! Huge thanks to Veryan who did a great coordinating the volunteers. Veryan expressed

her huge thanks for the documentation of processes for running the spring fair created by Alex Ryan, Kerry Hoffman, and the previous spring fair committee.

- Thanks to treasurers – Deborah and Martina, for dealing with all the financial aspects of the spring fair so smoothly and efficiently.

6.3 Uniform shop

- Nikki addressed questions raised at last meetings - a couple of questions re the deficit mentioned
- Stationary – shop uses stationary - probably uses paper bags – next year people to start paying for bags, miscellaneous Lisa Pang – casual covering of appts Nicki couldn't make. Supplier changes – Nikki has been looking at Calvin and Lewis – they supply the custom items – shorts blouses, tunics,
- Shorts, trousers, fleeces and sports all LW Reid, everything else Sparten. NO difference in quality, slight difference in sizing. Able to get a wider range of sizing from LW Reid. Able to fit to the child a bit more.
- Leggings ok without skirts. Looking at skorts also.
- See report - thanks to Nikki for her ongoing work for P&C

6.4 Canteen - from Karen Edmunds

We are having a freaky Friday on September 16 the categories are up on flexi schools and food can be ordered on there now. The canteen will be selling Zombie Chews (lollies) at recess and lunch

At lunchtime we will have Green and Blue Slime Slushies with sour worms (a favorite with most)

to try and ensure everyone that wants one gets one these will be smaller than the usual Slushies but at the same price

Regular recurring lunch orders should be cancelled and re ordered

We have had a query re vegetarian options on our menu. I feel we have enough as we also cater for Gluten free. The only thing we could offer extra would be a Veggie Burger which I will trial for a month to see if there is enough interest.

Next term will see the return of Slushies to the lunchtime over the counter sales.

Slushies are based on apple juice and have no added sugar.

1.1 MDFDGG - FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday 2 September the MDFDGG and a team of volunteers hosted another successful Breakfast for over 450 people, in three sittings. The buffet breakfast consisted of bacon, eggs, rolls, croissants, mini muffins, fruit juice, tea & coffee. The gift stall was also well patronised!

The MDFDGG did not make a donation to the school last year, so this year will be a bumper contribution! At the time of writing, I don't know the exact figure. The MDFDGG would prefer money we donate to be used on something to benefit all children, or the school as a whole.

We were very happy with the way things went and identified a few things we'll improve for next year. However, there is a very real danger that there won't be a Mother's Day Stall or Father's Day Breakfast next year. The MDFDGG loses Margaret Liddle & Therese Downey this year, as their children finish Year 6. I would like to thank them both for their work over the years with the MDFDGG. They've put many, many hours of their own time into the MDFDGG and we're really going to miss them. That leaves the MDFDGG with three members, and next year if some of our work commitments change.....who knows? The future MDFDGG does not need to copy what we do – it could easily be scaled down. But it is very possible it will be scaled down to nothing if we don't get some new members!

Once again, a HUGE thank you to our amazing volunteers, some new faces and some of whom have come along to the breakfast to help us for many years: Virginia Fox Melissa Barker Belinda Allchin Lydia & Kean G. Lyndal Harrison Melissa Kingham Jessica Mayr Lisa Currie Bettina Welgemoed Michelle Mejorada Ainslie Jennings Kim Curby Libby Crothers Nicky Honeysett Dianna Cheung Julie Tanger Grace Lee Trish Stephen Zac Dunlop Connor Downey Laura Pringle Veronica King Julie Morris Fleur Findlay Angela James Annette Mead Anna Deb Muir Lydia Liddle (Apologies if I've forgotten anyone!)

And big thanks to the MDFDGG: Margaret Liddle, Therese Downey, Jacqueline McLeod, Vicky Galanti & Dana Logiudice

**** Dana appealed for new volunteers. May have been the last father's day stall unless we get more volunteers. Stressed that the breakfast could be done a lot simpler.

1.1 Fundraising General – Veryan spoke to spring fair results in report tabled by Treasurers.

- A few things to mention : Lesson learnt. Taking marquis' back accidentally took too many back, Perhaps we could buy 5 for ourselves – blue and or yellow???
- Soccer BBQ got damaged by Veryan to follow up with Geoff Knowles.
- Information desk – had info about our school it was a great opportunity.
- Office have purchased a new coin counter – P& C to contribute \$500 to the purchase of that. Proposed: Debbie Flannigan Seconded: Martina Miller Vote: Passed unanimously.
- Jane Massam – cookbook still underway.

1.2 Band - See report - Appendix 2.

1.3 Green Thumb - Patty Correll

- The working bee on 13 August was well attended. A significant amount of effort was required to address erosion and drainage around the sink area.

This was completed and paving around the area completed. The site was freshly mulched and seedlings planted to ensure the garden was well presented for the Spring Fair.

Many thanks to those who attended:

Oliver Kellet (Julie), Barry Drake, David Currie, Paul Davies, Susan and Allan Liddle, Graeme de Vallance, Kirsty de Vallance, Ingrid Leese and kids Jesse, Isobel, Naomi, Evan, Emma, Roman, Sylvie and Rochelle.

A huge effort to get our garden looking its best for the Spring Fair.

- The garden stall at the Spring Fair went extremely well with good sales. Left over seedlings and plants have been donated to the school.

Proposals for further work (see previous reports, for more detailed list):

- Concrete slabs are now being sourced to provide a base for the small garden shed to be installed. This should be completed in the next few weeks.
- The bottle top collection has come to an end. Thank you all for your fantastic response. We have collected over 4 bin loads! After Spring Fair we will be getting together to sort and count the lids. Stay tuned for our plans to use these as artwork in our school!
- Nathan Reid - sorting out issue with tap at trough – was left on and rain water tank was emptied.

Gardening activities

Spring crops have been planted, with class engagement led by Mrs Liddle. We hope to get a bumper harvest!

1.4 TWOOSH

- Ross Cunningham – head of TWOOSH committee, (old BASC) attended the metign and provided an update for P& C committee. HE has been in the position for 18 months now. Changed into a corporation.
 - A lot of work into policies such as staff wages , reward and recognition programs for staff, actually given them a budget, looked at having TWOOSH running on its fees to extra fundraising etc.
 - Trying to get some additional bodies into committee, short a treasurer in particular.
 - Saving up for a demountable - but then looked into it with Chantal and realised it wasn't a good option. Looking at using some of the year 5, 6 classrooms.
 - 140 kids per day, approx. 150 – 200 families on the roll.
 - Waiting lists for next year
 - Numbers and space - not expecting numbers to increase
 - Going to use some money to refurbish some of the classrooms – replaced air conditioning
 - Made sure all monies were put aside for staff entitlements
 - Putting in to new kitchen in centre
 - 85% costs are paying staff
 - There will be an extra 50c
 - Rent will double – with new arrangement with the government

- Would be great to have some others attending the meetings
- Next regional P&C meeting to be held here in November

2. Agenda Items

2.1 Nil

3. General Business

3.1 Veryan has sourced trestle tables from Hornsby north - need to approve \$200 -
Proposed: Leigh Bornstein, Seconded: Patty Correll, Vote: unanimous

4. Closing - 9.10pm

5. Next Meetings 25th October and 29th November.

Appendix 1

Principals report

Appendix 2

Band Report

Attachment Appendix 3

Treasurer's Reports Sep documents attached

Principals Report

P & C Meeting Term 3 Week 8

Spring Fair

Thank you for your amazing support. I was truly blown away by the community spirit.

Open Day

Thank you for supporting open day assembly. We hope you enjoyed the day and sharing your child's learning. Thank you to the catering committee who made a beautiful morning tea.

Bands

Congratulations to Mr Bell and all the bands that recently competed in the UNSW band competition. We came away with three gold and one silver.

Wakakirri

Thank you to all the parents who worked hard to make Waka a great success. The two items did very well. Cockatoo Island making it to the finals. Congratulations to Karyn Johnson and thank you for your hard work!

Mentoring

Starting a formal mentoring program. TWPS staff will change over the next three years. We need to support new teachers and induct them to TWPS.

Science Week

WE had a great Science week. Science is a great area to develop curiosity. Thank you to Trev Long who was a guest speaker – Robots, Drones and Droids. The students K – 6 loved this experience.

Environmental Workshops

Bunning provided some excellent environmental workshops for some of the classes. The school garden is a wonderful learning resource.

Sport

We have had many great success: ASL third in the state and the girls basketball off to state finals in Bathurst.

Recorder concert

We are very proud of the recorder group who performed in the Opera House. It was an excellent performance and a honour to attend. Thank you Pamela Aked for training the recorders.

Choir

Unfortunately I was unable to make the choir performance. Congratulations to all the students who performed in the combined choir. Thank you Sarah Allen for training the choir.

Book Parade

It was lovely to see the children have fun for the book parade. It was very informal but great to recognise literacy is a big part of learning.

Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you to the Father's day committee for putting on a brilliant breakfast. The band was excellent. A few members are leaving and we will start recruiting soon!

Grandparents Day

This date needed to be changed. Term 3 has been very busy with extra curricula. The welfare of staff important. We look forward to a lovely assembly on 3 November and open classrooms.

Drama performances

Next week we have the drama performances.

LMBR system

The system is going well. WE will need to look at things like Waka and parents claiming.

New SAM

WE welcome Margaret Gordon to TWPS. She has been on the deployment team for the LMBR system. Her position was at Dennistone East. Margaret comes with a wealth of knowledge and will be an asset to TWPS.

TTFM

Please complete the survey!

Appendix 2: Band Report:

Finance and Fundraising

- Overall the band is tracking well to budget.

Instruments

- Our brass instruments will be serviced these school holidays. We are trying a new cheaper instrument repairer who specialises in brass instruments.

Conductor for next year

- The band committee has decided to employ a new conductor for the Junior Band next year. This will add variety for the students as they progress through the band program and provide some redundancy having two conductors familiar with the program. We will start advertising soon.

Competitions and Performances

- At the UNSW band festival we achieved gold awards for Training, Senior and Stage band and silver for the Junior band. An excellent result!
- The Stage band (note we have changed the name of the Funk band to the Stage band) performed at the Father's Day breakfast.
- We have organised for the Police band to perform at the school on the 16th September. They will do a workshop with senior band (the other bands will watch) and then perform for the school. Thanks to the

catering committee for their help in providing refreshments for the Police band.

- Key dates for the rest of the year (as they stand currently) are:

September

- 16th September, Police Band (Senior band workshop, other bands watch)
- 17th Combined local schools concert – Senior Band – need a conductor DB unavailable. DB making contact with someone.

October

- ?? Special assembly for year 2 – Senior band
- 21st Instrument try out day
- 30th Hornsby North festival – all bands
- Pennant Hills High performance – Senior Band

November

- 2nd November, Grandparent's day – All bands
- 3rd November, Parents info evening for next year's training band – senior band
- 18th November kindy 2017 transition (replacement Band and Bear day) – Senior band
- 27th End of year concert – all bands

December

- Bunnings Xmas concert – funk band
- Thornleigh carols – funk band
- Presentation Day – Senior band
- 3-6 awards day – Junior band
- K-2 awards day Training band

Training band 2017 Recruitment

Demonstrations and instrument try outs for Year 2 (and interested children from year 3-5) will be 9-11am Friday 21st October for the chance to try instruments and the evening of Thursday 3rd November for the parent's information evening.

Band Committee Elections

The band committee elections will be at 7:30pm 18th October in the staff room. All band parents are welcome! All positions are open and we do have a few parents who will not be continuing in the committee next year.

Warwick Edwards

Band Convenor