



**THORNLEIGH-WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 13th March**

1.0 Opening and Apologies

Meeting held at TWPS library Tuesday 13th March 2012. Meeting opened at 8.02pm.

Attendees:

Apologies: Stuart Bidwell, Karen, Michelle Wood

2.0 Minutes of the Meeting – 7th February 2012

Accepted as true and accurate record of meeting.

Proposed Veryan McAllister, seconded Gordon Dracup

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

3.1 State of grounds inside of school – Paul Miller to check out and address

Paul – the area behind E Block and mess and plants overgrown has been addressed by school

Floor – there are a large amount of mosquitos around kindy rooms. Paul – have put bug repellent in some rooms. Problem at the moment all around area

3.2 Nature trail – any Council/protection issues or funding available – Dana

Dana, Helen, Paul and Finbar met with council. It is a big deal to do anything. Removal of weeds etc cannot just be pulled out. It is a long term project that would need to be maintained.

Didn't get project local grant. Veryan suggested NRMA eco grant.

Suggestion of Keep Australia Beautiful – Dana to check out

Council suggested doing a small area at a time. Need to have a think about what to do with this – area from back of BER to gate.

3.3 Composite classes – general parent information - to be put in Wednesday Weekly - Paul Miller has done this

3.4 MDFG – financials to be included with P&C financials – Stuart and Dana – still to be done

3.5 Band – financials to be sorted out – Stuart and Juliette –To be done

4.0 Correspondence

- 4.1 P&C NSW Association Magazine – available from Delvene if anyone wants to view
- 4.2 NSW Association Term 1 mail out - includes information on Annual conference, Workplace Health & Safety
- 4.3 NSW Department of Education – funding allocation for TWPS for Semester 1, 2012

Paul –This is the amount received from government amounts. However not really what is spent. School applies for supplements to cover. This system ends this year. Next year a different system with My School. Will be looking at more environmentally friendly energy for school then.

5.0 Principal's Report



7th February, 2012

Principal's Report...

"The most important thing in raising a child is not to try to put the stamp of the past on that child, but to give that child the freedom to grow and explore" - Catherine Bateson

Upcoming Events

Week 8

- 15/03 Selective HS tests
- 16/03 'Cyber bullying' education

Week 9

- 20/03 K-6 Assembly
- 21/03 Harmony Day

Week 10

- 26/03 Young Leaders ' Conf.
- 27/03 Paul Kelly Cup
- K-2 Assembly
- 28-30/03 Year 5 Camp

Other

- 1. Empowering Local Schools (ELS)**
 - 47 school pilot 2008-2009 (extended)
 - Based upon Local Schools/ Local Decision (LS /LD) consultation
 - 160 schools added to program(+ 47 existing pilot schools)
 - 5 areas- timeframe for implementation 2013-2015
- 2. China 2012 & Mandarin**
 - Students in Year 6 Mandarin – one term each; commencing Term 2
 - Partnering with a sister school in Beijing Shijia Hutong PS
- 3. Swimming Carnival- open discussion**
 - House points
 - Facilities
 - Student attendance
- 4. Staffing**
 - We welcome back Mrs Zinsli
 - Will be team teaching with Mrs Starreveld
 - Expertise of two teachers

Paul Miller
Principal 13th March, 2012

From the meeting

Paul – There has been news coverage about Teacher wage/bonuses. With the federal government 2008 pilot Project 47, schools were given financial control keeping within budget (cost neutral). Schools used funds resourcing other/different staffing eg it, admin staff appropriate to benefit school.

TWPS is tightly controlled over purchases eg computers controlled by state government.

Pilot worked reasonably well – another 160 schools to be added to pilot which will be approximately 10% of schools.

Local Schools, Local Decisions (state government) consultation came out last year. Here the community given opportunity for input into how schools run. Report linked in Wednesday Weekly this week. Not impact on TWPS at moment but expect by 2014/15. 5 areas covered (detail in report link) – managing resources, staffing in schools, reducing red tape, working locally, making decisions

Floor - Will principals be given any extra training etc for this – covered by staffing in schools. School leaders, performance management and professional development.

Floor - principal moving from teaching position to business management position. Responsibility for large amount of funds compared too previously. Huge jump in short time

Finbar – over last 20years leadership has developed from teaching to admin.

Paul – schools in trial used funds to have business managers

Mick – are there community boards/ self governing to help manage the school/principal? Paul – has been tried in other states VIC and WA

Principals have quite a rigid accountability

Chinese/Mandarin

Now introduced at Pennant Hills High School. Year 6 will have a taster before they go to high school.

Swimming carnival

Floor -why are there no house points at carnival. Paul advised this has been discussed and child attends carnival, enters a house race then house gets a point

Facilities – closure of Hornsby school. Difficult to get into Homebush. Have looked at Knox, price \$1500 higher than this year (includes electronic recording, staff) – in negotiation with Knox for dates

Suggestion about Macquarie University

Attendance of carnival - Only students participating attend. Abbotsleigh had restricted space this year.

Child drowned a few years ago at another school. DET introduced very strict guidelines. Cannot now have novelty events or free sport

Students have to be verified very clearly on ability (banded).

Staff question why not bring all students (peer support etc). Those that cannot swim cannot participate which can cause issues.

Approximately 150 attended this year – this took all day (very slow)

Paul asked floor what thoughts on all students attending

Veryan – safety issues, keeping bored kids but also good to encourage participation.

Paul – maybe look at year 3 somehow participating more due to swimming program in year 2

Floor – could all years be offered swimming lessons – ½ school not participating in swim carnival. Paul - large cost involved. Dana - some parental responsibility to teach children swimming, schools cant do all.
Floor – some students can swim but don't not necessarily attend/don't want to go.

Floor - Saw an improvement in house spirit this year – colours, chants etc.

Veryan – make it a house colour, spirit thing

Floor – could borderline kids be cheer squad and perhaps watch and get motivated to join next year

Paul – need to encourage swimmers who don't attend to attend.

Floor - parents from overseas don't really know how, what a swimming carnival is about

Paul – acknowledges school needs to not presume that people know what things are about eg what is wakikiri, school carnivals

Floor – no school records kept of race times. If using electronic scoring and 50m pool good to keep records.

Paul – yes, very good idea

6.0 Other Reports – from P&C Subcommittees

6.1 President – Dana Logiudice

Two things to look at this year – nature trail. All whiteboards in. 5 classrooms still need air-conditioning.

6.2 Assistant Treasurer – Gordon Dracup

TAI

Thornleigh West Public School P & C													
62Neil Avenue THORNLEIGH NSW 2120													
Profit & Loss (Budget)													
December 2011 through November 2012 (Draft v1)													
	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	Total
Income													
P & C Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Interest Received	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 400	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 1,300
Commission on Student Banking	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ 100
Government Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Commercials/Sundry Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 100	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 15,125	\$ 400	\$ 100	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 2,100	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 21,000
Fundraising													
Trivia Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Multi Days (10/10 10/10 10/11)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,800
Carter Raffle & Bonnet Parade	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hot Cross Bun Drive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Entertainment Booth	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Phone Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000
Family Photos Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800
Mothers/Fathers Day Gift Group	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800
Total Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,800
Total Income	\$ 100	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 1,500	\$ 15,625	\$ 400	\$ 1,300	\$ 125	\$ 55,600	\$ 2,300	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 69,200
Expenses													
Liabilities from 2011													
Employment Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Government Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Band Grant FY 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School Submissions													
Learning Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
Classroom Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grounds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Class Money/Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Interactive Whiteboard	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,000
Air Conditioning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000
Total TWPS Submissions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,000
Fundraising													
Quiz Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Raffle/Cake Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Telephone Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School Spring Fair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Total Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Other Expenses													
Employment Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 5,000
Sundry Expenses	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 1,100
Government Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stationery	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 330
Telephone & Fax	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 500
Accounting software	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 360
Donations/Sponsorships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Total Other Expenses	\$ 30	\$ 180	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 3,210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 10,500
Donational/Other Submissions													
After School Care Building	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dance Group/Workshop	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Band Equipment & Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Year 6 Farewell	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Total Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Total Expenses	\$ 30	\$ 180	\$ 210	\$ 2,010	\$ 2,010	\$ 2,010	\$ 2,010	\$ 2,010	\$ 3,210	\$ 2,210	\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ 11,600
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 70	\$ 125	\$ 110	\$ 1,510	\$ 3,415	\$ 190	\$ 390	\$ 125	\$ 53,400	\$ 2,090	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 57,600
Opening Cash (Cheque w/c)	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,070	\$ 40,035	\$ 39,925	\$ 39,415	\$ 34,300	\$ 35,500	\$ 35,610	\$ 30,525	\$ 50,915	\$ 43,005	\$ 42,600	\$ 37,610
Opening Cash (Term Deposit)	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018	\$ 19,018
Add Surplus/Deficit	\$ 70	\$ 125	\$ 110	\$ 1,510	\$ 2,415	\$ 190	\$ 390	\$ 125	\$ 53,400	\$ 2,090	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 57,600
Closing Cash	\$ 59,088	\$ 59,223	\$ 59,163	\$ 59,453	\$ 59,048	\$ 54,008	\$ 54,908	\$ 54,753	\$ 79,943	\$ 62,023	\$ 62,133	\$ 61,718	\$ 46,228

From the meeting
 Gordon – balance quite healthy. Still have to pay for rest of whiteboards approx \$19000. Projecting \$49000 by end of year. Band might be after some funds. Mufti made \$1600 profit – largest profit on mufti day ever. Very well organised.

UNIFORM SHOP REPORT

(Figures are approximations as at 13/3/12)

FINANCIAL POSITION IN A SNAPSHOT

Cash in bank	\$43,868.82
Outstanding debt to suppliers	\$18,019.09
Pre loved cheques to be cashed	\$804.00
Credit refund cheques to be cashed	\$371.50

Balance of cash **\$24,674.23**

Sales from 8 February to 13 March = \$6,111.00. A total of 247 items!

Flexischools – nearly ready to run a trial of the on-line ordering system. Will do a flyer on how to purchase items for all parents and put into Wed Weekly. Aiming to have it up and running for Term 2, 2012.

Winter Uniform – the majority of our large winter order has arrived so will be put into stock once the existing stock is sold. We are still waiting on winter tunics and tights together with our additional order of boy s/s shirts & girls dresses.

Fleece Jackets – a large order of the new style is due next week. We only have 4 x size 12 of the old style jackets remaining in stock.

Sale Items – we are selling the winter skirt, sloppy joe and long sleeve sports shirt (old style) for \$15 each.

Buying the Winter Uniform – an email was sent over the weekend to all Class Parents for them to send onto their classes. It was a reminder that it's time to check winter uniforms and come & visit if new ones are required. I also attached the order form & advised I am happy to accept email orders with payment via EFT.

From the meeting

Flexischools – aiming for term 2 launch.

Helen doesn't think can manage lost property – can school assist e.g. do a first cull with those with names? Can Paul put into Wednesday Weekly about about kids/parents taking more responsibility for checking lost property.

Paul – will put in Wednesday Weekly

6.4 Canteen – Karen Edmond - read by Chloe

From: [Karen Edmond](#)

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 11:20 AM

Report from the Canteen

1. Thursday opening is proving more popular than Monday was.
2. I have been phasing out the more unhealthy options and introducing healthier home made options e.g. the pasta sauce has added grated vegetables - invisible to the naked eye ! The home made pasta sauces are a higher profit item too.
3. We have introduced vouchers on the Flexischools system so students can purchase items at lunch i.e. ice blocks and slushee's
4. Account balance is looking healthy - we have purchased a new dishwasher and a coffee machine to make good coffee for the volunteers.
As at 5th March the balance was \$18363.63- since then \$4883- in cheques to suppliers, a deposit of \$1126.52 from Flexischools and approximately \$1600- worth of stock on hand. So a rough balance of \$16,206-
5. Over 500 registered children on FlexiSchools. This does include last years Year 6 kids, so 400-450 though after today's mufti I would say we have 414 registered.
6. Harmony Day is next Wednesday and we will be selling Butter Chicken , Cup Cakes and the ever popular ice cream cups
7. Our winter menu will start in Term 2 and will include Butter Chicken and Hot Potatoes - Hot Dogs will remain as a Wednesday special

Notes for FlexiSchools Users

1. If you have a repeating order, please check that your child will actually be there on that day. There have been examples of where children have been off or their class has been on excursion and the order has still been processed. You can cancel your order with Flexischools up until 9.30am and the amount will credit back to your account. The canteen can not accept cancellations as we have no way of crediting your account.
 2. As the menu changes quite frequently and items can be out of stock, it is worth checking occasionally that the repeating order has valid and current options on it. We will endeavour to fill all orders but unfortunately I cannot magic something from nothing! Some items will be discontinued as they are not healthy options.
- Thank You

From the meeting

Karen recently went to a canteen convention and got very good information. Reviewing menu on order e.g. Jumpies, Want Wants as flagged with high salt etc.

Floor – can photos of items be added on flexischools so parents can know what items are, kids can show what they want? Chloe - will add to next agenda. Gordon – we have stock photos that can be used.

Chloe – can whirly bird be used instead of air conditioner in canteen to relieve need to run air conditioner. Paul – this has been looked at previously.

6.5 MDFDGG – Dana Logiudice
 Mothers day stall will be held on Monday 7 May – will put info on website.

6.6 BASC - Lisa Whittaker Knight – read by Dana

THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL BASC CENTRE Coordinator's Report- 13 March 2012	
ISSUE	COMMENTS / ACTION
Enrolments/Attendance	<p>Enrolments are steady and we are receiving new applications every week.</p> <p>We have an average of 224 children attending BSC a week and 460 Children attending ASC.</p>
National Quality Framework (NQF)	<p>The regulations have now been in effect from 1 January 2012. We are currently working towards implementing all the changes needed.</p> <p>We have received all our paperwork from the Department of Education and Communities to begin the process of lodging our applications for approval. These applications must be lodged by 30th June 2012.</p>
Program	<p>We are very pleased that we are able to offer Vacation Care in the April School Holidays. A detailed program and booking form is available in the BASC room and on the website.</p> <p>We are now taking bookings and bookings will close on Monday 2nd March.</p> <p>We will also be operating on the Pupil Free day (Monday 23rd April) bookings forms are available in the BASC room or on the website. Bookings will close Monday 15th April.</p>
COORDINATOR'S SIGNATURE: Lisa Whittaker	DATE: 13 th March 2012

6.7 Fundraising

6.7.1 General – Dana Logiudice

Phonebook – we are getting free printing so currently collecting details. Helen Tibett doing data entry. Chloe advises that she and others have not received forms – Dana will put in Wednesday Weekly.

Music Night – will be held in June this year.

Easter egg raffle – a free hamper was received with other goods purchased so will use this as the prize.

Hot cross buns – Janda organising this

6.7.2 Spring Fair – Helen Roberts

Spring Fair parents meeting 29 March. Need one more stall. No sports spectacular, smash em up or tombolo. Class parents will be asked for top 3 preferences for stalls then will be finalised. Looking at market stalls for basketball court. Scaled down canteen service. Pony rides

6.8 Band - Juliette Kelly

Budget setting with more realistic expectation - fees will be increasing \$10-20. Simplifying fee system to make more understandable/simple to reduce fee payment issues. Will use flexischools.

Cannot use flexischools for instrument hire fees as school agreement.

Bunnings offered cancellation spot for Sunday bbq. Last minute – worked brilliantly –thank you to parents to help out. Made \$880.

Thanks to Juliette worked all day to carry out

Stuart unable to join budget meeting. To meet at another time

6.9 Catering – Michele Wood . Report given by Dana

Have had a large number of catering volunteers. First event will be Grandparents Day.

7.0 Agenda Items

7.1 Swimming carnival

Floor – on form given out there are a few options that are indicate that cant go, eg can tread water, and only one option that can go

Paul – form comes from Department of Education

7.2 2012 School Fees

Helen– is there some clarification as to where the library fund etc goes

Paul – Library and Hall separate to school money. Library fund tax deductible. Buys books, resources etc

Dana - garden fund – looking a bit better

Paul – yes need to give more info on what money is used for

Floor – was discussed last year that more info would be included.

Dana - was done from P&C perspective

7.3 Working with Children Check

Del - there is confusion as to who needs to do.

Paul – all parents who have any contact should have them. Please advise Paul if not received by parents and will address

7.4 Homework – Kylie Duncan

Would like to put forward a motion that a committee be put together to discuss homework set for students. To look at revising homework policy, get fresh ideas etc.

Paul – homework policy in student welfare policy. Reviewed on a regular basis. Understand there may be frustration however have not had much regular feedback

Veryan – parents haven't been asked for feedback on homework

Paul – some parents want more, some want less. Primary purpose of homework is reinforcing school work and learning good study habits.

Gordon – subjects seem repetitive.

Veryan – could we liven it up so not so repetitive

Paul – no absolute. Happy to review further

Kylie – 25-30% of homework (stg 2) seems to have little to do with what learning. Repetitive (file/print) over and over. Homework could be cool and engaging. The grid does well.

Floor – repetition can relieve some anxieties and will make students more comfortable and students know what is expected of them. Like the repetition.

Kylie – some repetition good. Look at issuing homework over weekend, two weeks so can be done over weekend.

ACTION POINT: Paul to give some feedback by next Pc meeting with a view to moving issue to proposed solution

7.5 Flexischools

Dana – do not need to use credit card, can use payclick or direct debit
If do not wish to use flexischools can use brown paper bags. Need exact change and child must bring order to canteen as no more collection from class room

Gordon – not enough volunteers to man without flexischools

7.6 Support Teacher – motion to send letter to regional P&C association questioning why not funded by DET

Dana – why does P&C pay not Department of Education. No school in northern Sydney has them as not considered needy enough.

Finbar - Learning support teacher – not reading recovery (only year 1). Not teachers aides –paid by DET funded

8.0 General Business

8.1 Floor – why no kiss and drop for size of school. Have used at other schools.

Veryan – quarter sessions road. – council area set there

Dana – can be problematic and we are lucky with parking around school. Bus stop is where would be.

Paul – what will be achieved if we have it

Kylie – Turrumurra have it – run by teachers. Have sign in car – teacher looks at car – gets car in - if kid not there – car goes around. Good turning point in Quarter sessions road.

Julie – need to think about priorities. This will take staff time, have other priorities

Dana – will ask council to see possibility of having zone.

8.2 Other

Veryan – year 3 have been asked if interested in Wakikiri. But parents have not informed. Finbar – note going out

Haven't received any info on what time/dates parent teacher info -will be going out.

No dance group this year.

Gordon – do blueys accumulate?

Finbar –yes they do. A group of teachers currently looking at rewards and achievements system

9.0 Closing

Meeting closed at 10.03pm

10.0 Next Meeting – 8pm, Tuesday 8th May 2012