



THORNLEIGH-WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 4th September 2012

1.0 Open 7:30pm

Apologies – Helen Roberts, Veryan McAllister, Kylie Duncan, Delvene Bee

2.0 Previous minutes - Move Paul, 2nd Tony

3.0 Business arising from previous minutes - Nil

4.0 Letter written form P&C to Bruce, Westleigh Butcher for donated BBQ

5.0 Principals Report

- Thank you to Spring Fair Coordinators for a smooth running and successful Spring Fair and to MDFDGG for Father's Day Breakfast, it was an exciting and welcoming atmosphere, mentioned also to band playing at both Fair and Father's Day Breakfast.

- Copy of RAM

Funding for schools will change. TWPS will get the base school allocation plus additional funding for Prof Learning and curriculum. Money for staffing to now go through school. - Local Schools, Local Decisions

There will be an increase to learning and support team. Currently Mrs Wilson support teacher.

4) New Staffing Agreement

Not yet agreed but will commence term 4. New staffing agreement similar to current, few instances where flexibility has been added.

Nominated teacher transfers – allow temporary teachers which allow flexibility to meet the children's needs.

- Developing links with Asian countries.

- National Curriculum

NSW currently negotiating with National Curriculum to maintain current high standards

Questions (following report)

Q - Linda – Re the new staffing procedures, is that why teachers are striking?

Dana – the concerns re the new staffing procedures are that principals will use younger cheaper staff with less experience

Principal – in the new model teachers are paid according to their pay scale but principal/school pay a flat rate per teacher. So don't know why not been agreed, been very quiet, not heard from Federal.

Q – Chloe – when will the notes be out for the drama performances?

Principal – Date and time will be in the Wednesday Weekly tomorrow

6.0 Other Reports – from P&C Subcommittees

6.1 President Report

Thank you to Spring Fair Coordinators, Sarah, Helen and Lisa. More variety and great improvements and thanks to MDFDGG and all volunteers as these events couldn't be done without them.

Future Fundraising for AV equipment for the hall. Committee formed re playground equipment. Hoping to get community grant re garden area and TAFE.

6.2 Treasurer Report

Gordon – Spring Fair – profit slightly down on last year due to external food vendors, but still a healthy profit. Still some expenses to come in. Can we please spend the money!

Gordon's Proposal – to buy money weighing scales (AUD500) to make counting money easier, save time and safer (risk reduction). Could also use on mufti days and BBQ's. Move by Tony, 2nd Chloe. Gordon to get quotes.

Stuart's Proposal – currently 6 bank accounts down to 2. BASC and Uniform shop, canteen, band and MDFDGG. Move by Tony, 2nd Chloe.

UNIFORM SHOP REPORT

(Figures are approximations as at 28/8/12)

FINANCIAL POSITION IN A SNAPSHOT

Cash in bank	\$17,678.34
Outstanding debt to suppliers	\$3,710.89
Pre loved cheques to be cashed	\$372.00
Credit refund cheques to be cashed	\$236.50
Money from Spring Fair to TWPS P&C*	\$1328.00

Balance of cash **\$12,030.95**

Sales from 31 July to 28 August 2012 = \$2,337.00. A total of 82 items.

Stock – our summer stock is due to arrive mid-September.

General – still quiet over the past month for sales however will pick up at the end of Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4 when we head back into the summer uniform.

Resources – Helen Roberts is away at the moment and Helen Tibbett has kindly stepped in to run the uniform shop from Thursday 30 August until Friday 14 September. This report is therefore complete up to Tuesday 28 August.

* Note – the TWPS Uniform Shop credit card machine was used at the Spring Fair on Saturday 25 August 2012. The amount of \$1328.00 has been correctly transferred to the TWPS P&C account by way of a cheque.

6.4 Canteen Report – Nothing from Karen

Chloe – canteen needs more helpers especially back up.

Karen was invaluable at Spring Fair in the canteen.

6.5 MDFDGG

All sessions sold out (150 per session) Band were great all ran smoothly. Debrief session soon. Financial outcome of Father's Day Breakfast not yet available.

Chloe – people waiting 20 minutes for a seat (about 20-30 people) and 1P and year 2 no father portraits – Dana to take back to the group.

6.6 BASC Report

Attendance is steady.

Enrolments for September school holidays currently marketing. Bookings close on September 17th. Class Parents have forwarded information to all TWPS Families. Open to all school students not just TWPS. Dana confirmed some students from Pennant Hills primary have enrolled.

Vacation care currently includes gym, baseball, soccer and netball this term.

Also thank you to BASC staff members for helping at spring fair.

6.7 Fundraising

P&C Election BBQ/Cake Stall on Saturday. Cake boxes to go home with children tomorrow. Need volunteers from 8-3

Mufti Day Term 4, Dad's Burger Day to include Thank You to Teachers Lunch. On 4th December. Julia Thomas organising.

Photo fundraiser in November and Christmas Cards

6.8 – Band Report

6.9 – Catering – Michelle finished for the year. Bronwyn Cooper to take over.

7.0 Agenda Items

7.1 Spring Fair Financials – report given by Gordon - current estimate 33.5k

7.2 - Coin counting machine - refer section 6.2

7.3 School Bus

Commenced in March 2011 been to transport minister, negative response.

Need a letter from the P&C to get a Community Safety Audit done re the bus route on the other side of Pennant Hills Road. Draft letter to be sent to Dana who will write on P&C headed paper.

Check zoning – if over 50 children would use the service they have a legal responsibility.

School Student Transport Scheme Document

Chloe – consider asking families to apply for bus pass to provide evidence of need, obligated then to provide a service.

Principal – focus on current students not potential.

7.3 Letter from student 5/6S

Asking if some of the money raised by the P&C can be used to give to people in need. Maybe next mufti day a percentage of the money raised could be given to Oxfam to buy animals.

Dana to review constitution to see if this can be done.

Principal – noted money raised do far has been raised for the school

Linda – there are families at TWPS on low income that do not have money for food at the end of the week, could the money not be used closer to home.

Dana – P&C can assist families with uniforms

Principal – DET/School supports families in need re excursions etc.

Dana – if families are comfortable they can approach her re uniform and canteen

Principal – school supports Stewart House and Cancer Research through the SRC

8.0 General Business

Q - Work on Quarter Sessions Road? (Chloe)

Principal – he has no more information, need to contact council for an update

Dana – will write a letter from the P&C to get clarification of work and end date

Q – Path into school (lower gate on Quarter Sessions Road)

At Spring Fair it was noted that people were tripping on tree roots and the uneven path

Principal – It is a Health and Safety issue that he will take on board

Q – PBAL (Linda)

Not well attended sessions

Met with Finbar and reviewed the anti-bullying plan. Would like other parents to have a look at the draft plan with the proposed changes that is on the website. Dana will put in Wednesday Weekly/Facebook to get parents to read and provide the comments and feedback to the committee.

Q – Clarification on 'Red card'

Principle – due to the external uses of the 'red card' (in sport) now replaced with the 'white card' or 'minor incident card'

9.0 Closed – at 8:45pm