



General Meeting
Wednesday 2nd May 2018
held 6:00pm in the TPS Library

Present – Rose Gillman, Bronwyn Jeffree, Kelly Russell, Sarah Dawson, Stacey O'Brien, Gavin O'Brien, Rebecca Gill, Manami Henderson, Ross Emerton, Paul Boulwood, Donna Thors, Vele Bujaroski

Apologies – Anna Grimshaw

Meeting officially Opened at 6.02pm

Welcome by P&C President

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Read

Motion moved Sarah Dawson / seconded Rose Gillman / carried that minutes reports accepted

Correspondence In

The Salvation Army Invoice for Term 1 2018 \$3056.69

Motion moved Donna Thors / seconded Paul Boulwood for payment to be made

Showbags catalogue

Correspondence Out

Nil

Reports:

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

The school term has started off beautifully. All classes are settled and learning. I've truly enjoyed the first week of term 2. Everyone has been very welcoming and the students have been kind and friendly. The school is very lucky to have such dedicated teachers and I've been very impressed with level of teacher skill in every class.

Staff

At the end of last term, Toula Kotamanidis informed the Tarrawanna PS community that she would be accepting the position of Principal at Keiraville Public School. As a result of Toula Kotamanidis leaving, I have applied and have accepted to relieve in the role of relieving Principal for term two 2018.

We would like to notify that class 4/5W taught by Mrs Tiarn Warner will have a change in teacher from Term 2, Week 5, 2018 school year due to the exciting news of an impending baby. We are currently holding an EOI process for the position. Mrs Warner has been a wonderful teacher at Tarrawanna PS for term one and half of this term. We will miss her passion and dedication to student learning and wish her the very best. At present we are looking for a quality teacher to be on class 4/5W and we will do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition for the class and new teacher from June 1st 2018.

Hedley Privett will be retiring within a term. Further details to follow.

Lessons I've learnt (shared with the staff and now shared with the community)

- Inquiry based learning – deep pedagogy with action learning
- Rich tasks- real assessment for learning strategies- students demonstrating their knowledge through a practical activity. High expectations of all learners and teachers. Global thinking and perspectives
- Future focused learning- where the passion is. Looking deeply at where education is heading, embracing various styles
- Creative ways to learn is highly valued- masterclasses, growth mindset, values, celebrate success, sports/fitness, time, laughing, International tours and perspective, modern learning environments, use the entire school for play, gardens, quiet areas and trust the students
- Masters of Teaching and Prac students- welcome to our pedagogy, in house orientation and workshops followed by extensive opportunity to observe our pedagogy in action in our classrooms, we share our practice with others0 helps us by having 2 adults in every classroom all year.
- Staff Development- Experts- Pasi Sahlberg, Ken Robinson and Hattie, team teaching, STEM, critical and creative thinking, teacher expertise, external influences
- A re-think of activities throughout the school- assemblies, music-showcase, philosophy, genius hour, reports, technology, BYOC, homework, trust, sport, excursions
- Seeking student voice, video it and share it- what do the students think about this? Is it working for them? What would they like to see? This is great enabler
- Play is valued for the students, learning environments matter, wellbeing matters for everyone

The greatest enabler of student learning is the quality of the teacher in front of the class (Hattie)
We need to be prepared to invest in this

Where to with the Community?

Currently reviewing playground, assembly, student voice and leadership. Our physical environment has an impact on learning

Thankyou Thanks for the warm welcome. It's fantastic to come and see the school with fresh eyes and passion

Previous principal has officially retired and the vacancy will be announced in the near future. Due process has to occur. Debbie knows we would like to choose the new principal and the department is aware of it. It will take roughly term to be completed from beginning to end. Merit selection is happening and asking for a panel member from the P&C. Stacey O'Brien has been selected as the representative.

Treasurers Report:

- P&C Cheque account Balance \$21,196.85
- Canteen Funds \$4,519.28
- Petty Cash \$3.20
- Chaplaincy Grant \$3,733.87
- Volunteer's Grant \$0.00
- Total funds held in P&C Association \$29,453.20

Motion moved Donna Thors / Paul Boulwood seconded carried that treasurer's reports be accepted

ACTION arising from previous General Business:

- Generation interactive white boards x 2 for classes 3S and 1/2R was followed through by Toula but we're unsure what the status is at this point, Sarah to follow up with Toula. Paul spoke to Toula about the grant, **Anna to follow up when she returns.**
- Report Toula was getting for Air conditioners to be **followed up by Sarah**
- With regards to the ongoing concern regarding the trees near the playground equipment, Toula was calling Wollongong Council and we are unsure what the status is, to be **followed up by Sarah**

General Business:

- Fun run/cross country raised over \$2000 and will be used on maths supplies for all rooms
- Bullying policy issue raised by Bec, suggested policy be put in place and parents/carers be advised for parent is to be called every single instance of their child bullying. How many times can a child bully until a child is suspended, suggestions of 3 or 5 times. Bronwyn understands bullying is one our school's top priorities and will look further into it.

Fundraising Events 2018

- Mothers day celebrations 10th May 12.30pm, 11th mothers day stall. Kids going to district cross country to buy their gifts on the Thursday. Gift basket suggested by Bec, \$1 entry for a child to win for their mum. All agreed.
- Athletics carnival will be held Wednesday 20 June. Ross will cook BBQ. Bec & Donna to co-ordinate however both working on the day and will need helpers. Sausages to be sold only and Rose can open canteen for drinks and snacks, orders at canteen not accepted.
- Pie drive for June, *motioned Rose Gillman / seconded Donna Thors to go ahead with pie drive*, to be co-ordinated by Bec and Donna
- Art plates to be late August instead of December. Rose to handle.
- Spring into Corrimal 9th September, Paul should be able to get us a stall. Looking at a plants/flowers stall as Kelly will purchase plants/flowers from Sydney.
- COS Christmas Carols 7th December, if we would like the stall of selling glow sticks etc we need to let Paul know

Meeting Closed – 7.27pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 6th June 2018 6.00pm

ALL WELCOME