

MINUTES - ST IVES PARK PRIMARY P&C– 18 August, 2009

Meeting opened: 8.10pm

Attendance: Keith Oliver (Chair), Kylie Flack, Fleur Whiteman, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Lizzy Simunovic, Trevor Bright, Janet King (Principal), Gennevive Charlesworth, Sonya Acton

Apologies: Sue Marx, Susie Bright, , Caroline McGrory, Caroline Wayne, Ginny Feighan, Ann Tse

Minutes of Previous Meeting: accepted (proposed – Caroline McGrory, seconded – Fleur Whiteman, carried unanimously)

Business Arising

Date	Item	Owner	Action
18/03/08	Canteen, Tennis and Uniform Shop Coordinators to provide a financial update at each P&C meeting and streamlining bank accounts	Trevor Bright	Trevor presented proposal from St George Bank for new account. Nominated signatories required – initially Secretary and Treasurer. Proposed: Fleur Whiteman, Seconded: Gennevive Charlesworth. All in favour. Members discussed the P&C's insurance coverage. It was agreed to take out Office Bearers' Insurance and to increase the value of goods (canteen and uniform shop) covered to \$15,000. Premium to increase from \$603 in 2008/09 to \$874 in 2009/10 Proposed: Liz Kilpatrick, Seconded: Lizzy Simunovic. All in favour Accounts will be audited in time for presentation at AGM.
20/10/08	Tennis court – resurfacing of courts	Sue Marx//Kylie Flack	Mrs King met with Surface Solutions and confirmed work can proceed in the October school holidays. It will take two weeks..
17/02/09	Risk Management policy and draft rules/by-laws, Student Injury Insurance	Kylie Flack	No response from P&C Federation's Insurance Manager as yet. Kylie to circulate drafts again, with a view to putting them forward for approval at the AGM.
16/6/09	Environmental initiatives	Mrs King/Kylie	Three adults and a few children have indicated interest in the environmental committee. First meeting to be held asap. Mrs King presented a quote of \$2500 for new eco garden fencing. Members voted to pay for the fencing (will prevent destruction of vegetation by animals). Proposed: Gennevive Chalresworth, Seconded: Lizzy Simunovic. All in favour.
28/08/09	Safety at pedestrian crossing	Mrs King	Note put in the Patter to remind parents to remind children to take care.

Correspondence

Incoming

Date ¹	From	Subject	Action
20/07/09	Entertainment Books	Account for payment	Given to Treasurer
17/07/09	Cadbury	Account for payment	Given to Treasurer
28/07/09	Life Education Australia	Invitation to launch of new mobile learning centre	Table at meeting
29/07/09	NSW P&C Federation	Annual Conference	File
11/08/09	NSW P&C Federation	P&C Journal Vol 60, No.3	Distribute copies and file one
12/08/09	NSW P&C Federation	Email re Annual Conference outcomes	File
13/8/09	NSW P&C Federation	E-bulletin 39,	File
14/08/09	NSW P&C Federation	E-bulletin 41 – Errata	
?	The Fundraising Group	Fundraising – sunblock and Clean Up Green Up	Given to Fundraising Coordinator
?	Australia Best Buy	Fathers Day gifts	Given to Fundraising Coordinator
?	Synergy Shop Wholesale	Fathers Day Gifts	Given to Fundraising Coordinator
?	Illustrating Man	Cartooning fundraising ideas	Given to Fundraising Coordinator

Date ²	To	Subject	Action
11/08/09	NSW P&C Federation (email)	Insurance and Risk Management	Follow up response

Reports –

- ❖ **President** – see report below (Accepted – proposed: Trevor Bright, seconded: Jo Hodgkinson. Carried)

We are fortunate at SIPPS in having an active and enthusiastic P&C. However, a recent study by Dr Margot Rawsthorne, lecturer in Community Development at Sydney University, on Parents and Citizens' groups in NSW has found that they are in decline. Parents and carers stated that long working hours and family commitments prevented them from becoming involved. Regular time commitments are declining, with a growing tendency towards short, one-off acts.

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts introduced a \$200 fundraising fee this year as a substitute for active participation.

But surely this is missing the point. The implication is that if the State Government chipped in the \$54 million raised by P&Cs for NSW public schools, and paid for outside staff to run the canteens and the many other roles which parents and carers perform at school, we could all just keep out of it.

The point is that the children benefit enormously from the participation of their parents and carers, and research has shown that they have a more positive experience of their schooldays as a result. What is even less well appreciated is the priceless benefits which the parents and carers themselves experience from their participation. We're all the biggest losers when we don't participate.

There are other compelling reasons for increasing our involvement in our children's lives. Generation Next has run a public seminar examining the unique health and wellbeing challenges facing generations Y and Z – the internet generation. These children are well-connected and technically highly competent, having been born into the World Wide Web, text messaging, mobile phones and the rest. They are much better at it than most of us. But they are emotionally and developmentally incapable of handling the information to which they have access. And more and more, they find the opportunity to explore unsupervised the uncensored material which is so readily available.

A recent presentation at St Ives High School taught me that the epi-centre of drug distribution in the region is the skate-board park at St Ives Village Green.

Declining involvement? It's something we all need to be seriously concerned about. And it's a message we try to put out through The Patter and the P&C. So please make diary dates for the Father's Day Breakfast at school, which is for all the male adults in the family – fathers, uncles, grandfathers and other significant male friends and carers. This will take an hour or so on Friday morning, 4th September. We had a huge turnout last year, which was

¹ Date of letter or date email received

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most encouraging and much enjoyed by the children. And lock in Saturday 19th September, our major fundraising social, a fun night out and a chance to mix with other families.

The School Environmental Management Committee includes students, teachers and family adults. So far we have 3 parents, and could take more. This is a small commitment, and a great opportunity to become involved.

❖ **Principal** - see report below (Accepted – proposed: Lizzy Simunovic, seconded: Fleur Whiteman. Carried)

Things are moving very quickly with the BER and Pride of the school expenditure.

Building Education Revolution

- Fencing for the construction of the Hall is about to happen. The entire canteen area will be fenced off for over 7 months while construction is happening. This will be an inconvenience to those groups that use that area ie. the playgroups, aftercare, tennis access and Oosch but all have been informed and alternate access via Woodbury Rd or play areas have been organised.

Pride of the School

- Drainage of the COLA hopefully will be organised with open grate drains to catch the run-off from the slope and overflow from the roof.
- Down pipes are being improved to stop the blocking and hence the water flowing back into the roofs
- Toilets – senior being tiled and new dual flush and spring loaded taps installed
- Painting of classes and some ceiling areas and the balustrade of the main block.

Most of these things will happen in school time and hopefully won't cause too much disruption to classes.

I am concerned at the number of children who are not wearing the school uniform. There is a uniform policy which all parents agree to when they enrol their children in our school. The policy is quite clear on what the uniform is and does not include warm jackets of other persuasions, jewellery (especially necklaces as these can get caught when the children are playing) or a large variety of hats. Socks should be ankle socks not sport socks! In saying this there are times when children can not find their jackets and need a warm jacket or a different hat. If this is the case the parents are asked to supply the teacher with a note and I thank those parents who do inform us when there is a problem.

I am employing Mrs Karen Gifford to assist with K-2 computer lessons on a Friday. The Kindy teachers have found this very helpful as it is hard to manage 20 children and get them all logged on and explain things to them. Mrs Gifford has some ideas re the buying of more computers and I have arranged with her to do a special presentation at next months P&C.

We are back to having combined assemblies at the moment and while they are a bit crowded we do all manage but owing to time constraints on a Friday with sport and computers it is too hark to fit an assembly time in. Plus students like to see their older or younger siblings' classroom performances.

❖ **Treasurer** – Tabled Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement (see below).Reminder to go out re payment of the Voluntary Contribution/General Levy – only \$7350 has been received against a budget of \$15,000. (Accepted – proposed: Lizzy Simunovic, seconded – Gennevive Charlesworth. Carried).

Balance Sheet as at 18th August 2009

	Year 2008	Year 2009
Opening Balance	\$21,763.70	\$31,889.64
Surplus/Loss	\$10,125.94	\$12,985.42
Total	\$31,889.64	\$44,875.06
Represented by		
Cash at Bank	\$31,985.84	\$45,347.26
Outstanding Cheques	\$96.20	-
Outstanding Deposits	-	\$472.20
	\$31,889.64	\$44,875.06

Profit & Loss Statement 18th August 2009

Income	Year 2008	Year 2009	Proposed Budget
Canteen			\$3,000.00
Fundraising	\$10,937.79	\$3,838.30	\$10,000.00
General levy	\$13,732.50	\$9,755.00	\$15,000.00
Interest Income	\$1,093.72	\$450.46	\$1,000.00
OOSH Donation		-	-
Tennis	\$13,432.00	\$10,805.70	\$13,000.00
Uniform Shop	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
P & C Membership		\$92.00	
Total	\$46,196.01	\$29,941.46	\$48,000.00
Expense			
Bank Fees	\$261.29	\$212.27	\$300.00
Building Project	\$2,145.00		\$20,000.00
Donations to SIPPS	\$32,000.00	\$6875.00	\$27,500.00
Insurance	\$603.00		\$700.00
Student Functions	\$631.11	\$1,068.77	\$1,200.00
Bully Busting	\$194.00		
Meeting Nibbles	\$96.20		\$300.00
Book Fair	\$139.47	\$300.00	\$200.00
White Board		\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Dance Uniforms		\$500.00	
Total	\$36,070.07	\$16,956.04	\$58,200.00
NET	\$10,125.94	\$12,985.42	

	2008	2009
State Election/Easter BBQ	-	
Chocolate Drive	\$1,714.55	\$1,297.80
Bulbs	-	\$526.50
Entertainment Books	\$666.00	\$752.00
Night Out	\$7,366.00	(\$250.00)
Mothers Day	\$150.24	
Local Election/School Cont	\$1,041.00	
Bunnings		\$1,512.00
Totals	\$10,937.79	\$3,838.30

❖ **Fundraising**

- Major fundraiser on 19 September: tickets to go on sale two weeks before
- Chocolate Drive – need all money and unsold chocolates/snakes back asap.
- Term 4 “Trash and Treasure”: probably second week of Term 4
- Fathers Day breakfast – more helpers needed

(Accepted – proposed: Liz Kilpatrick, seconded: Trevor Bright)

❖ **Canteen** – Lizzy reported:

- menu changes in Week 7, based on survey of kids
- No child volunteers being used to help in canteen due to insurance concerns.
- Electrician required to fix oven.
- Will try selling egg sandwiches made from eggs produced by the school’s chooks.

Accepted – proposed: Liz Kilpatrick, seconded: Sonya Acton

❖ **Uniform Shop** – detailed accounts presented by Liz.

❖ **Tennis courts** – See Business Arising

❖ **PR** – Teddy Bears Picnic/open morning – flyers distributed

❖ **Class Parent** – no report

❖ **OSHC** – no report

General Business

- New BBQ for school/P&C functions (to be paid for by Year 6 2008 donation to SIPPS. Kylie and Genevive to source/purchase, in consultation with Mrs King
- IT at SIPPS – Mrs Gifford to do presentation at next meeting if possible

Next meeting: Tuesday 15 September 2009, 8.00pm

Meeting closed: 10.45pm