

**WILLOUGHBY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING**

3rd March 2010

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDEES: Rosina Blake, Julianne Nash-Smith, Janice Choy, Karl Madderom, Carolyn Brasher, Tina Santone, Lisa Williams, Penny Hackett, Stuart Mendel, Amanda Milin, Tim St Quintin, Catherine Radford, Sally Fielding, Rebecca McCarthy, Sarah Boyd, Lynn Donohue.

APOLOGIES: Janet Young, Di Tuit

2. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

CONFIRMED

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

1o Penny Hackett, 2o Rebecca McCarthy

CARRIED

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th November 2009 to be confirmed.

1o Lynne Donohue, 2o Lisa Williams

MINUTES CONFIRMED

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Special presentation by Life Education Australia.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Appointment of Catherine Ruspino Radford as Treasurer for 2010 and 2011.

1o Rosina Blake, 2o Penny Hackett

7. SCHOOL EXECUTIVE REPORT,

Provided by Patricia Petterson.

- Smooth start to the year, straight into classes on the first day.
- 170+ kindergarten kids this year; 870 in total for the school.
- Swimming carnival went well, thanks to Juliet Spence.
- Thanks to Rosina and helpers for organising the Kindergarten morning tea.
- Lots of changes to school buildings, with buildings moved around, new demountables. New classrooms have smartboards on order.
- Lots of painting and redecorating, new vinyl and carpet flooring, power upgrade. (The whole power system in D block melted down the day before the power upgrade!) Electricians have been sorting out power issues as they crop up.
- Teachers have given up their carpark to provide more playground space for the kids while the building works are underway.
- Building works are progressing well, with no complaints from the girls' high school. On track for completion in mid Term 4.
- Staff are very happy with the new demountables, they are spacious and air conditioned.
- A new school website is under development, with the help of Michelle Verhagen, Juliet Spence and Ruth.
- Parent/Carer Teacher interviews are planned for 22 and 26 March.

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- The “connected classroom” is arriving on Friday 5th March. All the equipment for it has already arrived and is ready to be installed (near the existing library). Should be installed by end of Monday 8th March.

8. P&C EXECUTIVE REPORT

Provided by Rosina Blake

- Welcome Disco is on Saturday 6th March. Numbers are down on last year, and we still need more volunteers to help on the night.
- We have an ongoing issue with arranging volunteers to help with events. Ideas were discussed about how we could put together an online register for volunteers to add their names to.
- Suggestion that the P&C direct any spending towards air conditioning in the old classrooms.

9. AGENDA ITEMS

- *After school care.* The P&C will conduct a survey of the parents to determine the need for after school care facilities co located with the school.
- *My School Website.* The website was discussed and it was felt that the reaction from the school community has been positive.
- *Unflued gas heaters* in 21 classrooms have all been removed and replaced with modern heaters.
- *Annual dinner dance.* Still planned to be held in August/September, offsite (Norths Rugby Club). A suggestion for a theme has been made: Aussie bush dance. General agreement that a bag drop will be organized next week, followed by a further appeal to be made to the year 3 parents via the class reps. We still have no volunteers to organise the event.
- *Lost property.* A suggestion has been made as to how the sorting of lost property could be done better: a system of class baskets for each of the 34 classes be set up into which volunteers would sort the lost property. Each class would be allocated a week to be responsible for sorting the lost property. General agreement that the proposed system is a good idea. ACTION: Tina Santone to source suitable shelving and baskets.

10. TREASURER’S REPORT

None available this term.

11. FUNDRAISING REPORT

None available this term.

12. CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT

None tabled.

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13. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 BAND

Provided by Lynn Donohue

- Our band programme is very successful, with a band population of 120.
- There are 3 bands, Training Band, Concert Band, Performance Band.
- Unsuccessful in gaining entry to perform at the Royal Easter Show.
- Visit planned to Sydney Symphony.
- New conductor Jenny Lewis has commenced, and very positive feedback has been received.
- Phil Molloy is the senior conductor, who has an excellent relationship with the children.
- A fundraising sausage sizzle is planned for 26th March.
- Thank you to the P&C for the \$6,000 budget allocation which was used to purchase instruments.

13.2 SCHOOL CANTEEN

Provided by Carmel Patterson

- As tabled.

13.3 NETBALL

Provided by Rebecca McCarthy

- Netball registrations are going ahead on 3rd March.
- 5 Nettas and 6 netball teams being registered.
- Training will be at Willoughby Leisure Centre.

13.4 RUGBY

None provided.

- No report available.

13.5 UNIFORM SHOP

None provided.

- No report available.

14. SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

None provided.

- No report available.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

- None.

MEETING DURATION

Meeting commenced : 7:35 pm

Meeting closed : 9:45 pm.

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