

ROSEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C Minutes
General Meeting 12th March 2015



Meeting Opened	- 7.30pm
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Attendance:	Tim Haddow, Anthony Hughes, Tim Ford, Vicki Taylor, Samantha Hellen, Val Maguire, Deb Kellehan, Anna Lloyd, Sean Moran, Deborah Lane, Donna Lopata,
Apologies:	Daniel Zatz, Vic Muller, Gabbie Aurisch, Jason Barker, Phil Barfield

Minutes

Move to accept the Minutes of the General Meeting 12th February 2015.

Proposed	Tim Ford
Seconded	Tim Haddow
Carried	Yes

Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil (Matters to be resolved from previous meetings Minutes)

Correspondence

Nil

REPORTS

Treasurer

Anthony Hughes (2014)

Overall \$73,558 Net Profit / Surplus (2013: **-\$100,703** Net Loss / Deficit)

- The Net Profit / Surplus before allowing for Grounds / Master plan improvements was \$103,753 (2013: \$131,980)

A few key highlights as follows:

RPS Band \$27,788 Surplus (2013: \$5,135)

RPS Canteen \$15,414 Surplus (2013: \$4,799)

RPS Clothing Pool \$20,945 Surplus (2013: \$20,494)

2013 Audit of Financials

The 2013 financial records are still outstanding with the auditor, the financial statements are prepared in good faith and may change once the audited files are received and 2013 financials are closed.

2014 Audit of Financials

The 2014 financial records still need to be presented to the auditor, the financial statements are prepared in good faith and may change once the 2014 financial accounts have been audited.

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Principal Report

Sean Moran

The year is now in full swing and since our last meeting there have been a number of wonderful community events and educational experiences take place. However, most importantly all classes have settled and are working productively.

Some of the major events that have taken place recently include:

- The P&C Welcome Picnic. After a worrying morning in regards to the weather, the skies cleared and a wonderful evening was had by all. There was a huge turn out and the event really got the Year 6 fundraising off to a great start. In excess of \$1700 was raised which is a great result. Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend and support the school. In particular, thanks to Gabbie Aurisch and her huge team of volunteers for making the event possible.
- On Friday the 20th of February RPS hosted a book launch for the recent publication 'Facta Non Verba – A Centenary History of Roseville Public School' It was a great afternoon and was a fitting tribute to Professor Sherington and the work he put into the book. Congratulations also to current parent Mr Sean Aylmer for assisting so much with production and publication. Many thanks to everyone who attended.
- Our Year 5 and 6 students have recently enjoyed a bike safety and education excursion hosted by the Community And Roads Education Scheme. Students reported that they had a great time and picked up a range of valuable information and skills.
- Our Year 3 and 4 students attended an excursion to Kurnell on the 2nd and 3rd of March. Despite some dramas with the buses a fun day was had by all. The excursion focuses upon consolidating the work that the students are completing in class on the discovery of Australia and in particular the east coast by Captain James Cook.
- The Ku-ring-gai Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 5th March. After being renovated for a number of years the carnival returned to the Ku-ring-gai Aquatic Centre. The carnival ran smoothly and our students all tried their best and represented their school with pride. There were also a number of outstanding performances and results regarding final placing's and progression to the Area carnival should be available soon.
- On Friday 6 March, four of our teachers participated in a day of professional learning for an upcoming Killara Schools Partnership program titled 'Quality Teaching Rounds'. The day was held at RPS and 40 teachers from across the KSP were involved. The program will now involve teachers forming groups of four and watching each other teach. They will then base their reflections and feedback on the Quality Teaching Framework.
- Earlier this week our Year 5 and 6 students attended an incursion on the Gold Rush. This activity complements our scope and sequence and the units of study that the students engage in throughout the year. The students and their teachers dressed up and really got into the spirit of the day.
- On Monday night, the annual Class Parents Meeting was held in the library. A thorough explanation of what the role entails was delivered and a framework for upcoming P&C events was outlined. Many thanks to all of the class parents for volunteering and to Tim Haddow, Alisoun Garrard and Natasha Barfield for presenting.

There are a number of upcoming events throughout the remainder of Term 1. In particular the Harmony Day fundraiser is being held on March 20, the RPS Disco will be held on Saturday 21 March, the Junior Band Intensive is being held at RPS on March 14, the Girl Power 'Fuzziest

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Friends' event is being held on March 18 and the RPS Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival is being held on March 24 at the St. Ives Showground.

In conclusion, I would also like to discuss two concerning incidents which have occurred at our school recently. A couple of weeks ago a lady entered the school grounds without permission. She appeared to be under the influence of some substance and approached some of our students. She was quickly intercepted by the on-duty teacher and asked to sign in at the office. At this point she left the school grounds. Myself and Ms Lane were sent for and the police were called. The situation was assessed as a safe and so a 'lock down' was not required. The police located and spoke to the woman and cautioned her about her conduct. Ms Lane proceeded to visit every class in an effort to calm the children and dispel any rumours. Whilst procedures were followed perfectly and the situation was well handled it has highlighted the need to be constantly vigilant. There has been some discussion by community about this occurrence and we're open to any ideas or suggestions.

In a separate incident, a branch fell from one of the paperbark trees behind the hall. This was particularly concerning as these trees are within a designated eating area. No-one was seriously injured. The tree had been inspected by a Level 5 arborist in 2014 and was not assessed as being dangerous. It has since been assessed again and has been classified as safe, as have all of the major trees on site. Some proactive pruning has been recommended and the safety fences will remain in place until this is complete.

School Council

Daniel Zatz

School Council Annual Report – 2014

Discussions were held across a wide variety of topics throughout the year including;

- School Safety
 - Both in the school and the surrounding roads
- Uniform changes
 - All changes to school uniform must be approved by School Council. The yellow sloppy joe that was worn with sports uniform was replaced with a track suit top.
- Grounds
 - Assessment of trees and subsequent removal of those deemed unsafe
- Out of Area enrolment applications
- School Survey
- Constitution review

Once again, one of the key focus areas for School Council was school safety. At every meeting throughout the year, there was always discussion about recent events / incidents and what we could do to provide a higher level of safety for the students, staff and general community.

After many years of campaigning and lobbying local council and RMS for a Safety Camera at the Archbold Rd / Addison Rd intersection, RMS officially declined our application due to the low number of incidents at that intersection over the past 5 years. School Council will never the less continue to lobby both RMS and the government for better safety around the school.

Early in the year, a neighbouring property (6 Duntroon Ave) came on the market and due to the ongoing issues with space at the school, as President of RPS School Council I wrote a letter to the DEC on behalf of the School requesting them to urgently investigate and release funds to enable us to purchase this property to allow for the expansion of the school grounds. Unfortunately, the department declined stating that there was insufficient funds available at this time.

As is required by DEC, every 3 years the school must undertake a survey of the school community. 2014 was that year so the School Council drafted a survey that was eventually sent

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out to all families and staff members of the school. The response was excellent and has provided valuable information to assist the school with developing the plan for the next 3 years. (A summary of results is contained in the Principal's reports in the minutes of the P&C meeting 12th February 2015)

A final task of note that was undertaken in 2014 was re-writing the School Council constitution. While a summarised version was created a few years ago, it was felt it didn't encompass everything that the School Council did so it was expanded and forwarded to DEC for review and ratification.

I would like to thank all the members of the School Council this year including parent representatives (Kate Cooper, Matthew Englund, and Tim Haddow), staff representatives (Fiona Ipsen, Sarah Petrou and Mike Ferguson), our community representative (Laurel Barr) and finally our Principal, Sean Moran, who continues to inspire and strive for a better learning experience for our children. Much work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the school operates at its optimal performance and capability and it is a credit to those who so willingly give of their time and resource to create such a nurturing environment for our children.

Grounds

Sean Moran

- Phase 3 plans have been submitted Council.
- Mulching of garden beds to be done during school holidays
- Bench seats will be installed to manage bus pick up area on Addison Avenue

Clothing Pool

Penny Morris

No report

Canteen

Victoria Muller and Gabbie Aurisch

2014 Profit

Final figure for year-end was a profit of \$15,413.56 – a 221% increase on 2013.

Term 1 Special Day

Hamburger day is being held next Tuesday 17th March. It promises to be successful, with sales similar to last year (over 300 burgers).

We are also looking at having an 'Easter special' of cupcakes and jelly cups on the last day of school.

Roster

The term 2 roster is currently underway and should be finalised by the end of week 8.

Friday afternoon trading

Remains incredibly successful – bringing in an additional \$350 in sales each fortnight.

Commercial Oven

We have three quotes for the oven we are looking at (Turbo fan E33df)

Southern Hospitality - \$4536 plus GST

Petra Equipment – \$4536 plus GST

Sydney Commercial Kitchens - \$4507 plus GST

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The above pricing does not include electrician rates for installation. Southern Hospitality is the only company offering after sales service and the opportunity for Hilla to be taught how to use the oven. We are waiting to hear back from the sales rep to organise another site visit.

Band

Jason Barker

No report

Allergy

Thank you Ashisha Kallukaran and Elissa Chighine who have volunteered to fill the Allergy position for 2015.

Sports Committee

No report

School Website Update

Sarah Mitchell & Yvonne Counsel

No report

Banking

Amanda Ford

No report

Home Zone

Simon Harvey

- New labels are currently being printed, further instruction in the Bulletin

Men's Shed

Valerie Maguire

No report

School Watch

Atul Bhargava

No report

Community Notice Board

Donna Lopata

Some ideas of how advertising could be maximized through P&C events were discussed including selling advertising on event flyers, target advertising to the nature of the event. Donna will suggest a pricing guideline of various options for consideration.

General Business

1. Crunch & Sip (Anna Lloyd)

Research shows that students can benefit from a short break mid-morning to eat some fruit, vegetables and have drink of water.

Mr Moran advised that Crunch & Sip will commence for K-2 in Term 2 and communication will be distributed to families shortly.

2. School Security (Simon Stickles)

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Mr Moran outlined the recent incident and how this was managed and followed up. More detail of the how the incident was managed is contained in the above Principal report. It was also noted that such incidents are extremely infrequent.

In 2014 quotes were sought for the installation of gates at various (but not all) school entry points. These were however for the purpose of preventing dogs from straying into the school which has resulted in a number of incidents in the previous 12 months.

In addition school security is key focus of the School Council and a summary of their discussion and activity in this area is detailed in the School Council report above.

3. *Cloud based accounting annual package (Samantha Hellen)*
Expenditure approved.

4. *Class parent evening – Fund raising/social calendar (Tim Haddow)*
A meeting was attended by class parents on Monday 9th March to discuss fund raising and social events for 2015.

Next Meeting: Thursday 14th May 2015, 7.30pm

Meeting Closed – 9.00pm

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