

ROSEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C Minutes

General Meeting 14th May 2015



Meeting Opened	- 7.30pm
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Attendance:	Vicki Taylor, Tim Haddow, Tim Ford, Phil Barfield, Vic Muller, Penny Morris, Val Maguire, Sean Moran, Deb Lane, Samantha Hellen, Sally Frape, Suzanne Fredrickson, Kate Aylmer, Jason Barker, Binh Rey, Brett Kensett-Smith
Apologies:	Gabbie Aurisch, Donna Lopata

Minutes

Move to accept the Minutes of the General Meeting 12th March 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

Sports Committee

Kate Aylmer

Funding was sought to replace 35 AFL jerseys for use by PSSA teams. Jerseys will be brown and yellow and have the RPS emblem and number printed on the fabric.

Suggestion was made that the deposit taken should be increased to ensure jerseys are maintained/returned.

\$2000 expenditure approved.

Treasurer

Samantha Hellen

All P&C accounts are in the process of being transferred to Zero software. This will simplify processes, provide back up and improve security.

Principal Report

Sean Moran

Term 2 has started off with a bang! There has been a large number of school-based and community events take place. Despite some wild weather everything has proceeded as planned and this is thanks to the dedication of our wonderful teachers and parent volunteers.

Since our last meeting the following has taken place at RPS:

- The Girl Power seminar was held in the library, over two Wednesday nights late last term. It was titled 'Fuzzies and Friends' and a lot of positive feedback has been received about the event and the

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resilience skills that they girls acquired. Many thanks to parent volunteer Mandy Laura and Ms Lane for their organisation.

- On Saturday 21 March the RPS Disco was held in the Hall. It was a great evening with a slightly adapted format this year. All of the students had an incredible amount of fun and behaved well throughout. Many thanks to parent volunteers: Sophie Thomas; Catriona Harrison, Mascha Van Den Biezenbos and their team for all of their organisation and enthusiasm.
- Our Year 3-6 Cross Country carnival was a great success. Despite the threat of inclement weather the carnival went ahead and ran very smoothly. Well done to all of the children who had a go and tried their best. There were some fantastic times throughout. Many thanks to the small army of parent volunteers who ensured that so many jobs were undertaken. It would not be the event it is without this support. Thanks also to coordinating teacher, Miss Elliott for all of her work and effort.
- The annual Year 3-6 ANZAC ceremony was held on Friday 24 April. As always, it was a great event and was a fitting tribute to the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. Many thanks to Mr. Bernie Flanagan who again spoke to our students, staff and parents on behalf of Chatswood RSL. Thanks also to our Year 6 students who spoke and lead the assembly so well and to Mrs Ipsen for all of her work with coordination.
- This term the RPS Readathon commenced at the beginning of Week 2 and is now half way through. Following last year's success, excitement is very high and there is a huge amount of reading going on. Many thanks to organising parent Gabbie Aurisch for taking this on again this year. She has done an amazing job and it's great to see the whole community involved in such an amazing theme.
- Last Friday a Mother's day breakfast was held in the Richmond hall. This event proved to be extremely popular with attendance rates being extremely high. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the croissants, pasties, fruit skewers and coffee. Many thanks to Anthony Hughes who was the main organiser, Donna Lopata who developed the amazing promotional material and Yvonne Counsell for all of her work in regards to the website. Thanks also to the team of fathers who helped with setting up the hall and with service and to the teachers for opening their classrooms to all of the parents.
- Our Year 6 students attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp on Wednesday 29 April until Friday 1 May. Despite some rain it was a fantastic camp and the students conducted themselves very well. Thanks to the Year 6 families for their support. The children had a great time and challenged themselves in a variety of ways. The night time commando activity and the Giant Swing seemed to be amongst the favourite activities this year. Many thanks to the Year 6 teachers: Mrs Ipsen and Mrs Cocks for staying for the duration of the camp and to Miss Aleksanian for travelling up and back on Thursday so that she could share in the experience with her students. Thanks also to Mrs Fern and our other office staff for all of their organisation.
- Our Debating season commenced last week with Miss Jackson taking a group of Year 5 and Year 6 debaters to Lindfield Public School. The children did extremely well and received high praise from the adjudicator. Thanks to parent volunteer, Michelle Carmody for assisting with transportation.
- This week our Life Education program, starring Healthy Harold, commenced. During this week and next students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will engage in a series of lessons which address topics connected with drug and health education. Please be reminded that parents are invited to join Libby in the van on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 from 9:10-10:10am to learn more about the program.

Thanks again to everyone for your support. There are a number of big events coming up including the Senior Band Camp next weekend and the Year 5 Canberra camp on the 3rd to the 5th of June.

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School Council

Sean Moran

The school council has provided Ku-ring-gai Council with feedback regarding a cycle way (approved in 2012) along parts of Addison Avenue and Archbold Road. In parts this included creating a 'shared zone' and feedback provided included this is not appropriate given the amount of foot traffic in the around the school.

Grounds

Sean Moran

As discussed previously, our next stage of work, the re-development of the cricket nets and addition of an Adventure Walk and a series of Outdoor Classrooms is being processed by Council. The next stage is that the Council now forwards the plans to another level of the Asset Management Unit for approval. However, they have advised that our documentation looks thorough. In recent times there has been some discussion as to the nature of the work being undertaken in regards to the cricket nets. Discussions are always advised and encouraged. Ultimately the goal is that the next stage of work will ensure that the school and the community will be better catered for in regards to both Cricket facilities and playground space. Currently there are two cricket nets. Our plans are focussing on providing four in the future. In addition the space will be used for a variety of other activities. If appropriate, arrangements can also be made for local cricket clubs to use the retractable net system.

As everyone would be aware there has been a considerable amount of inclement weather lately. I am pleased to announce that Roseville Public School was relatively unscathed. Thankfully, the school was able to remain operational throughout.

Over the course of the holiday period an extensive pruning program took place. This program followed a Level 5 Arborist inspection. As discussed previously, all of the trees within our school have been assessed as safe. An inspection occurs every year. We also mulched the area behind the Amphitheatre over the holiday period.

Clothing Pool

Penny Morris

The clothing pool continues to monitor stock and reduce slow moving items from inventory and review suppliers.

\$25 000 profit recently transferred to P&C.

The clothing pool treasurer position will become vacant in the near future and a replacement is sought.

Canteen

Victoria Muller and Gabbie Aurisch

Current Figures

We are unable to provide our current figures due to the move from MYOB to Zero. Angela has spent many hours trying to bring the accounts over – and is hopefully not far off having it completed.

Commercial Oven

The installation of our new oven has been delayed due to the lack of available power within the canteen. We need to upgrade the current system in order to install the new oven. We had been advised that this occurred at the time the canteen was renovated, this was not the case.

The school has organised the electrician and the cost is \$1700. The P&C will need decide where the funding for this comes from.

The new oven including installation, trays and extended warranty will be between \$5500 and \$6000. We had approval to spend \$8000 – so well under budget.

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Term 2 Special Day

The term 2 special day will be held on Monday 15 June to avoid clashing with the Year 6 Tuesday treats. We will be selling ham and cheese or plain croissants for recess

Rugby Night

The canteen will be open and selling burgers, chips and drinks for the rugby night on Sat 15 August. Format will be the same as last year.

Roster

There are a few gaps in the roster for this term which will hopefully be filled soon. Two notices in the bulletin have not assisted as yet.

Recruitment

We are actively trying to recruit new members for the canteen committee. Both Gabbie and I as well as Angela are stepping down at the end of this year. We also need to find a replacement for Hilla in case she is ever unwell. Tina is now working full time and I am also going back to work in a couple of weeks.

Friday afternoon trading

We will be donating 20% of this Fridays overall Stay and Play takings to the Nepal. There will also be a donation tin at the windows.

New Menu Items

We have added warm milo to the Wednesday recess menu – it has been very popular. We are also looking at hot raisin toast as another option and some different sushi flavours.

We are also looking at adding some new menu items for Friday afternoons including hot wedges. Given the current weather, this should be popular.

Upgrade of canteen electrical capacity

Mr Moran agreed that the school would cover the cost of \$1700 to upgrade the canteen's power board which will facilitate the installation of the new commercial oven.

P&C Social & Fundraising Events

School Disco

Sophie Thomas

The disco was held in the school hall on Saturday 21 March 2015. Three separate sessions were held and 450 kids attended. The committee was grateful for the support of Mr Moran who also attended the event. DJ Andy was a huge hit and did a fabulous job. Thanks to the canteen, volunteers, Yvonne as web administrator and all the kids who behaved beautifully.

It was great to see so many parents enjoying casual picnics in the school grounds. The disco has turned into an excellent community event which has a focus on fun, music and dancing. The organisers are pleased to report that despite keeping the ticket price low a profit of over \$1500 has been donated to the P&C.

Thank you to all disco queens; Catriona Harrison, Mascha van den Biezenbos and Cathie Wotherspoon and Sophie Thomas

Year 3 – Art Auction

This year this will be held in Term 4, Saturday 17th October. More information to follow.

Halloween

After the success of stay and play on Halloween last year, there was interest in holding a Halloween event in 2015. The interest stemmed from having a central location for the community to enjoy Halloween.

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An event coordinator is required.

Band

Jason Barker

Term 2 is a busy time for the Band Program as the senior bands work towards their intensive camp on 22-24 May and the subsequent festival events and auditions.

Calendar

In the calendar are the following events-

- **Senior Band Camp** – 22nd – 24th May, Collaroy Centre
- **Sydney Eisteddfod** – CB Monday 1st June; IB 2nd June
- **Wahroonga Music Festival** – Sunday, 14th June @ Wahroonga Public Sch.
- **Education Week** – Thursday 30th July
- **North Shore Primary School Concert Band Festival**, 4-6th September
 - Intermediate Band – Friday September 4th between 4.30pm - 7.30pm.
 - Junior Band – Saturday September 5th, between 1pm - 3.30pm
 - Concert Band – Sunday September 6th, between 4.30pm-8pm

Reinvesting in the Program

The current financial position of the program is relatively good after making some changes in policy over the last few years that has avoided annual losses. The program committee is currently reviewing options to invest in 'non-instrument' ideas such as new music, guest performers/master classes, attending professional performances and tours.

Instruments

From an instrument point of view, there is an instrument renewal program to ensure that the band has a stock of quality instruments that are of a high enough quality so the children enjoy playing their instrument.

The attached page provides a review of the replacement costs program based on the early 2015 prices. This does not include the percussion section, nor does it reflect the servicing cost of the instruments at the end of each hire period.

As you will note there are a substantial number of instruments that are required to be replaced over the coming years, and there are in fact a few that are overdue for replacement. Each instrument is reviewed and removed when deemed to be of an unacceptable quality or no longer serviceable.

Allergy

Deborah Lane

Week commencing 18th May is 'Allergy Awareness Week'.
Allergy lunchbox stickers are currently on order.

School Website Update

Sarah Mitchell & Yvonne Counsel

No report

Banking

Amanda Ford

No report

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Home Zone

Simon Harvey

Thank you to Sally Frape who has volunteered to coordinate Home Zone from term 4 2015.

Men's Shed

Valerie Maguire

Men's Shed have the following events coming up-

Thursday 21st May – Willoughby Hotel 6.30pm

Saturday 15th August – Ruby Night – Richmond Hall kick off 5.30pm

School Watch

Atul Bhargava

No report

Community Notice Board

Donna Lopata

Since the last P & C meeting we have transitioned to a new system of community advertising with ads along the side of P&C fundraising flyers.

In term 2 Mother's Day, read-a-thon and stay and play flyers have raised \$1000.

We hope that this figure will be increased in term 3 with the good news that the P & C now has a Community Advertising committee! Thank you to Aeron Caulfield, Felicity Symons, Holly Clark and Claire MacDonald who have joined me in this.

We are keen to get a list of events and coordinators for term 3 so that we can begin seeking advertisers for these flyers.

In addition to flyer advertising we are keen to secure major sponsors for these events (similar to Stephanie Hearne at last year's art auction).

We are thinking about ways we could entice major sponsors:

- Banner on the school fence (as per Stephanie Hearne)
- Invitation to advertiser to sell their product at the fundraising event and % of sales made to be donated to the school
- Invitation to North Shore Times to acknowledge and photograph the sponsor at the event eg. presenting an award

We would welcome suggestions / feedback...

General Business

Band Surplus

Simon Cole – See band report above

Toilets

Vicki Taylor

Toilets are at times unpleasant and toilets are not open outside of school hours.

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Toilets are cleaned once per day either morning or afternoon and there is currently no facility to have an increased cleaned schedule or keep the toilets open to accommodate late afternoon sports training on school grounds.

Netball goals

Vicki Taylor

Many 'Net set go' netball teams train on the school courts including the court under the colah which does not currently have the lower net set go goal rings. Without these training is incomplete. There is a possibility to have these goals attached to the existing posts.

Hall sound system

Phil Barfield

There is room to improve the existing sound system/PA in the hall which would improve the quality of sound for events such as the school production, Art Auction, Christmas concerts and for weekly assemblies. Phil in conjunction with Brett & Michael (Band) will investigate options and costs to replace or upgrade the current system. This outcome would be favourable than hiring equipment to enhance the current system for school events.

Next Meeting: Thursday 11th June, 7.30pm
Richmond Library

Meeting Closed – 9.15pm

Vicki Taylor
Secretary

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