

ROSEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C Minutes

General Meeting 13th August 2015



Meeting Opened	- 7.30pm
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Attendance:	Samantha Hellen, Shana Hennessy, Vic Muller, Brett Kensett-Smith, Sean Moran, Deb Lane, Phil Barfield, Tim Haddow, Penny Morris, Deb Kellahan, Vicki Taylor
Apologies:	

Minutes

Move to accept the Minutes of the General Meeting 11th June 2015.

Proposed	Tim Haddow
Seconded	Vic Muller
Carried	Yes

Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil (Matters to be resolved from previous meetings Minutes)

Correspondence

Nil

REPORTS

President

Tim Haddow

Tim will attend the Northern Sydney District Council P&C Federation meeting on Monday 31st August.

Sports Committee

New Sports Committee coordinator is required.

Treasurer

Samantha Hellen

Volunteers have come forward for the various Treasurer positions for 2016; more information to follow. Enquiries to be made with Westpac to obtain mobile/tap & go credit card facilities for the uniform pool and forthcoming school functions.

Principal Report

Sean Moran

The first half of Term 3 has been very productive and exciting. There has been a lot happening in both curriculum and enrichment areas. Some of these include:

- The introduction of our Ducks into the Kindergarten classrooms. This indeed proved to be an exciting initiative. Students, staff and parents were all interested in what was occurring. Lots of enjoyment was had by all and they proved to be a great source of inspiration in regards to learning and student performance.
- Our Year 5 and 6 students have recently completed an Interrelate sexuality and relationship education program. The Year 5 program was titled: 'Minding Me' and focussed upon developing students' understanding about how relationships can change during puberty; developing students' skills in

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dealing with emotional and personal safety issues in their relationships; developing students' conflict resolution skills and developing students understanding of male and female development.

- The Year 6 program was titled 'Moving into the teen years'. It focussed upon: enhancing students' self-esteem; increasing students communication and decision making skills in relation to taking responsibility and taking care of themselves and respecting others; developing students' understanding about the transition from child to adolescent, including the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes during puberty; providing students with a detailed understanding of the process of human reproduction and assisting students to become aware of their responsibilities and possibly consequences in regards to personal choices.

The annual RPS Open Morning was held on Thursday 30 July. As well as getting a chance to visit our classrooms parents, staff, students and wider community members enjoyed some outstanding performances from a variety of our bands, dance groups and choir ensembles. We were very fortunate with the weather and a great morning was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend and to the parents and teachers who assisted in the organisation of the performances. In particular, I would like to thank all of the teachers for facilitating such wonderful open classroom experiences.

On Monday 3rd August the annual Highlander Shield took place against Linfield Public School at Roseville Chase Oval. On a typically windy and chilly night the children were involved in Junior and Senior Rugby matches as well as a Senior Girls Soccer match. It was a great evening and everyone involved displayed a high level of sportsmanship and effort. Thanks to the parents and community members of both schools who were able to attend. In particular, I would like to thank the parents who volunteered to host the BBQ and coach the various teams. These volunteers included: Mr. Matt Blades, Mr. Jed Finegan, Mr. Tom Sloane, Mr. Mark Frederikson, Mr. Andrew Harrison, Mr. Pearse, Mr. Charlie Powell, Mrs Nadine Finegan, Mrs Nicole Murphy, Mrs Kara Young, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Brown. RPS was successful in both Rugby matches and hence regained the Highlander Shield.

Last weekend a Junior Band Intensive was held on the school grounds. These events always provide children with an opportunity to fast track their skill development. Many thanks to all of the Junior Band parents for their support. In particular, Juliette Aryana and Sandra Armstrong who were the chief coordinators.

On Tuesday evening the first Kindergarten Information Evening was held for parents of students enrolling in 2016. This year the session was held in two of the Kindergarten classrooms and the evening proved to be very successful. It was great to meet some of the new families who will be joining the RPS community next year. Many thanks to Mrs Petrou for her organisation and to Mr. Brown who assisted her this year. There were also some very well delivered presentations by parent, staff and student volunteers. Many thanks to Ms Lane, Mr. Tim Haddow, Mr. Simon Harvey, Ms Bottomley and School Captains: Jason Ho and Ashleigh Carmody.

The Ku-ring-gai Zone Athletics Carnival was held yesterday at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation – Narrabeen. Our students performed well and displayed a great attitude throughout. Results will be circulated in the near future.

Recently, a selection of our teachers have been participating in a number of professional learning programs facilitated by the Killara Schools Partnership. One major initiative is titled: Quality Teaching Rounds and involves teachers visiting and observing lessons in a number of primary and high school classes. These lessons are then assessed via a professional document known as the Quality Teaching Framework. The program exposes teachers to different strategies that are used within different classrooms and settings and focusses upon building pedagogical knowledge through close interaction with and study of professional documentation.

I would also like to provide a quick update as to some of the work we are undertaking as part of our 3 Year School Plan. Currently, we are working towards implementing a new communications policy. This was an area that generated a lot of comment in regards to the most recent community survey. Community appreciated our efforts in regards to communication. However, responses also indicated that they would appreciate more consistency in this area, especially with regard to parent/teacher communication. As a result of this explicit feedback we have adapted our reporting format and incorporated a formal parent-teacher interview. This process is still evolving and we will continue to survey staff and parents. One of our next focusses is the use

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of emails. We are aiming to establish a common set of protocols. Some of the questions we are addressing include: What are realistic response times? What topics/issues should be addressed via email? Should emails be a direct form of contact between parents and all staff? We will seek community feedback regarding this issue and are aiming to release a policy next term.

Another aspect of the school plan that we are currently working upon includes defining our 2016 History/Human Society In it's Environment scope and sequence. The History syllabus is a new addition to the Australian Curriculum and implementation is mandatory in 2016. The process of creating our scope and sequence and involving our staff in associated professional learning incorporates two of our strategic directions: Quality Teaching and Learning and Engaged Community and Embedded Values. A series of new and current excursions are being organised to complement the scope and sequence and many of these involve exposing students to increased Aboriginal and global and domestic perspectives. As a result some of our excursions and camps may be changed or modified over time.

School Council

After further correspondence with RMS, their speed management advisor has agreed to visit RPS. At this time we will lobby for improved signage and thatching across the Addison/Archbold intersection.

Grounds

No report

Clothing Pool

Penny Morris

Stocktake will take place in September.

Clothing pool will pay fees to School24 until there is opportunity to make alternative arrangements.

Canteen

Victoria Muller and Gabbie Aurisch

Current Figures

Profit figures are tracking at the same as this time last year. There was a profit of \$7754.00 at the end of June. Online sales are 20% higher than last year – this is due in part to extra orders on a Thursday with the pasta and pizza specials.

Commercial Oven

The new oven has been installed and is already making a huge difference. We can cook far more items at a time and more quickly. There is also scope for the canteen to produce more fresh, home cooked food.

New Freezer

The upright freezer in the canteen has finally died and cannot be repaired. It is also out of warranty. Attached to the back of this report are quotes for a new freezer. Our preference is for Westinghouse from Appliances Online at \$1476.00 as they offer the 3 year extended warranty and will take the old freezer away.

- Expenditure of \$1476 to purchase freezer was approved.

Recruitment

We are currently looking for a new treasurer – Angela has four prospective parents to speak with. At this point no one has stepped up to take on the Canteen Convenors role – Gabbie and I will be stepping off the committee at the end of the year.

Canteen Supervisor

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The role of canteen supervisor is still evolving. We are currently re-writing the job description and it may become two jobs encompassing the roster and the School 24 administration. Further discussion is required with the P&C executive to approve this.

Hilla has had a tough time this term with many of the volunteers being very opinionated about what she does. This has been disappointing – as no one is willing to stand up and join the committee to make a difference.

Roster

I will complete my last roster for term 4 soon. No one is willing to put the roster together for next year. I am not sure what will happen with this.

Canteen Cleanliness

Thank you to Mr Moran for organising the special clean of the canteen at the end of term 2 – it was truly sparkling. It will make a big difference to have this done at the end of each term.

Rugby Night

The canteen committee is working alongside the Men's Shed for the rugby night this Saturday. We are selling nachos and Sausage sizzle. Numbers aren't known at this time but promises to be a good evening.

Term 3 Special Day

Nachos Day is being held in the last week of term on Tuesday 15 September. More information will be forthcoming.

P&C Social & Fundraising Events

Year 2 – Father's Day Breakfast

Shana Hennessy has kindly volunteered to coordinate the event to be held on Friday 4th September, 7.30am. This year a new menu will be trialled. Tickets are available at P&C website.

Year 3 – Art Auction Function

'White Sensation' art auction evening will be held Saturday 17th October 2015. The committee is currently asking all classes to seek donations for the event. Additional 'Art 4 All' communication will be in forthcoming bulletin.

- Expenditure of \$150 was approved to purchase additional glass wear

RPS Cookbook

The Willoughby Public School cookbook was shown as a possible initiative. The books are created through www.createacookbook.com.au and cost approximately \$18 to produce and sold for between \$30-\$40. Recipes are provided by the school community. It was suggested that the idea be revisited in 2016.

Hall Sound System

Brett Kensett-Smith presented some options for upgrading the hall sound system. The upgrade will vastly improve the sound quality at larger events in the hall such as the art auction, Year 6 performance and Christmas concerts. The recommended option includes 16/20 mixer, new speakers, stage box, wireless hand held mic and DVD player; estimated cost \$4 492.

Brett will finalise quotes and installation details. All 3 options/quotes presented are attached.

Band

Jason Barker

No report

Allergy

Deborah Lane

No report

School Website Update

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Sarah Mitchell & Yvonne Counsel

No report

Banking

Amanda Ford

No report

Home Zone

Simon Harvey

No report

Men's Shed

Valerie Maguire

No report

School Watch

Atul Bhargava

No report

Community Advertising

Donna Lopata

Community advertising has secured Infinity to sponsor the Father's Day breakfast.

Next Meeting: Thursday 10th September, 7.30pm

Meeting Closed – 9.30pm

Vicki Taylor

Secretary

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