

Killara Public School Parents and Citizens Meeting Minutes

17th October 2012

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Meeting opened 7.35pm by Michelle O'Dea

Chairperson: Michelle O'Dea

In attendance: Anne McCarthy (Part), Diana Zihlman, Mrs Taylor-Hill (Principal), Stella Stung (Treasurer), Micky Mylne, Gaela Kilgour, Robert Brucker, Chris Hooton, Bronwyn Edler.

Apologies: Felicity McDonell, Catriona Dixon, Nina Kovach

Minutes from the previous meeting: Minutes were accepted.

No correspondence since previous meeting

Matters arising from the last meeting:

Approval of purchase of playground equipment - \$60,000. School will invoice the P&C for this amount. These have been installed and look wonderful.

Special thanks to Catriona Dixon for organizing this.

Principal's report: – see Attachment 1

Co President's report :- see Attachment 2

Treasurer' Report: – see Attachment 3

Funds of \$27,945 were raised in 2012 through the following events:

Fireworks

Skillathon

Father's Day breakfast

Mother's Day Stall

Stella is keen to start budget planning for any major projects proposed for next year. Has asked Unity for school input to be considered by P&C so a financial forecast can be done for 2013.

General Business:

School capacity issues – Overcrowding is becoming an urgent issue which needs addressing in our schools. Most schools in our area are functioning beyond capacity(Northern Sydney Region for Public Schools)

Motion: To support the organized collective of schools in the Region to lobby the government to address the issue of overcrowding in public schools.

We have been asked to start by signing a letter to government representatives from a group of P&C Associations in the Northern Sydney region.

Motion of support was carried unanimously.

Lyn Bessemer – is finishing as Accounts receivable Officer in 2012. We thank her for her hard work for the school. The P&C will be looking for a new person to replace this role.

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Action: Advertise in the next P&C Newsletter.

Julie Johnstone – will be finishing in her role of P&C Newsletter coordinator at the end of this year. We thank her for her hard work over the last 10 years with this role. The P&C is currently looking for a new person to fill this role.

Funding and Grant applications:

If Sport and Receptions applications (lodged by Felicity McDonnell) are successful then the P&C would have enough capital for:

- finishing off front entrance (including the playground expansion).

Motion : That providing Stella (treasurer) approves the amount that we have to spend on the expansion of the playground, the P&C votes to approve funding for the refurbishment of the front entrance including the relocation of the small car park and the expansion of the children's play area. This is proposed now so that work can be approved and completed over the holidays without having to bring this matter to another next P&C meeting.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Traffic issues:

A parent raised Traffic Issues at Ridgeland Ave, Highbridge St, and Fitzroy St at drop off and pick up times.

Discussion about the dangerous driving and parking by some parents and carers at the crossing in front of school and some ideas floated on ways which this can be addressed.

- Parent Education Programme on speed limits, crossing rules, parking rules, drop off and pick up rules.
- Speed humps and highlighting of the driveway.
- Possibility of restricted parking on Ridgeland and Highbridge Rd, as well as footpaths on Ridgeland Ave.
- Monitoring of the crossing and drop off zone in the mornings/afternoons.

A note will go in the P&C newsletter reminding parents of pedestrian safety and responsible driving.

The next P&C meeting. - The next meeting will be held in the morning after school begins in the PAC. Then the meetings will alternate between morning and evening for a trial period in to the end of term 1, 2013.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled November 21st 2012.

Meeting Minutes distribution: Will be posted on the Killara Public School website for all the school community's viewing.