

Killara Primary School P&C Meeting
21 May 2014
Meeting Minutes

- Meeting opened: Dimity McCredie opened the Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting at 7.30 pm on 21 May 2014 in the KPS Library.
- Chairperson: Vanessa Mayhew / Dimity McCredie
- In attendance: Unity Taylor-Hill (Principal), Vanessa Mayhew, Dimity McCredie, Claire Moore, Carolyn Sinclair, Sandeep Rao, Nikki Napier, Alan Gardiner, Violeta Sutherland, Ashley King, Kenneth Ng, Nina Kovach, Bronwyn Elder.
- Apologies: Catriona Dixon, Stella Sung.
- Minutes from: Minutes from meeting of 19th March 2014, were accepted as true and correct.
- Correspondence In/Out: Nothing of significance to report.
- President Report: Refer to attachment 1 for President's report
(Vanessa Mayhew and Dimity McCredie)
- Principal's Report: Refer to attachment 2 for Principal's report
(Unity Taylor-Hill)
- Treasurer Report: Refer to attachment 3 for Treasurer's Report
(Stella Stung)
- General Matters: Update on Northern District Council situation by Alan Gardiner - Alan Gardiner, Killara P&C delegate to the District P&C, reported that the most recent District P&C meeting took place on 31 March. It included an update from Dianne Dunn (DEC's Relieving Executive Director for the area embracing northern Sydney) and comments from Meredith Ash (DEC's Director for Ku-ring-gai, the district which includes Killara). Key points included a description of the revised DEC organisational structure and current priorities (eg, professional learning, support for principals) and an update on new and expanded schools for the north shore (ie, Bradfield College in Crows Nest, formerly TAFE, opening as a junior high school (year 7-10) with year 7 students starting from 2015, the TAFE campus in West St, Crows Nest, becoming a senior high school (years 11-12) in the future, the Anzac Club site in Cammeray being leased by DEC to become a new 1,000-student primary school (opening 2016) and the building program to get under way (expected in 2016) at Mowbray Public School, in Lane Cove, to take it to 1,000 students (from ~350 currently). Community consultation for the use of the UTS Lindfield site acquired by DEC (ie, just the UTS buildings) will be occurring this term to determine how the site will be used. This site was previously expected to become a senior high school, but the outcome may be more open than just this option.
- The meeting also included:
- An update on OOSH advocacy, with additional effort and leadership coming from Sydney's inner west as well as the north shore; and
 - A discussion and comparison of the Federal government's ideas on Independent Public Schools vs the State government's 'Local Schools,

Local Decisions' policies.

Alan also provided a brief update on the NSW P&C Federation issues, noting that the Minister for Education had, belatedly, decided to intervene. Legislation has been introduced to enable the Minister to appoint an administrator to take over the operation of the Federation and oversee the election of a new governing council under a new electoral process (to be conducted later this year, probably term 4). Note that delegates for this process will be elected from 16 geographical electorates, with Sydney being covered by 7 electorates. Sydney school representatives are consequently and permanently restricted to being a minority at all future Federation AGMs (where Federation policy is decided) and the same minority with respect to voting for the new state P&C executive council, despite Sydney comprising a clear majority of the state's population (about two thirds of the total).

Solar Panel update – The P&C Presidents have now signed the Funding Agreement, which requires the project to be completed by the end of March 2015. The conditions of the Grant also require the P&C to match this spending \$1 for \$1, (included in 2014 P&C budget). Unity Taylor Hill has received a current listing of preferred suppliers from the DEC. The process of receiving quotes for the installation of the panels is to commence ASAP. As work commences, the P&C will be required to report on the progress of this installation to ensure that the money is applied correctly. There was no additional update from John Ritson this Meeting, though from the previous minutes, John has agreed to keep an eye on the electricity buy back price and inform the P&C if a more financially opportune time to install arises.

Proposal to Local Council to seek funds for the footpath at the front of the School

No additional developments on this issue. From previous minutes, due to the growing safety concerns of the condition of the nature strip, the P&C proposes that we approach Council to seek funding to have this 'Council' area paved. The P&C Presidents will follow up with Caileen Cachia regarding this proposal.

Spell-a-Thon. The spell-a-thon date is set for 25 June 2014. The money raised from this event will be used to buy iPads for classrooms with docking stations.

Proposal to change the P&C regular meeting date. The P&C Constitution states that this meeting shall be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. It was suggested this to be changed because of a clash with the regular P&C meeting date for Killara High School. The Presidents provided notice of a proposed change to the rules to allow meetings to be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month during term time, with a right to change any particular meeting date on the giving of due notice. This proposal was voted on at the Meeting and resolution passed.

Uniform Shelving and Fan (with wall bracket). Due to the school's increasing numbers, the Uniform Shop required an increase in stock to be held on site. As a result, the shop required additional shelving. This shelving was installed 2 weeks ago. Unfortunately, the top of the shelving was placed in front of a security sensor, which must now be moved to the opposite wall for safety and security reasons. The estimated cost of moving the sensor to \$300-\$500. The P&C has agreed that this work is to be done ASAP.

Vacant Support Roles. The roles of P&C Vice President and Maintenance Support Officer have been filled and the following people were voted in at the Meeting;

- P&C Vice President – Nikki Napier,
- Maintenance Support Officer – Kenneth Ng.

Gordon Golf Course Planning Update. The Council has suggested that the plan for this land may be for housing, playing fields and other 'community' uses. Unity Taylor-Hill met with the Council on 24 March 2014. The feedback was that the Council acknowledged the school is a key stakeholder and committed to consulting with the school as to any future requirements that the school may have.

Mural Proposal. Three options were presented to the P&C;

- Amanda Ford Griffith Mural,
- Ceramic Mural,
- Rodney Monk Mural.

The P&C Presidents will contact each artist to request a quote. Upon receiving the quotes a budget will be set.

Maintenance Day. The removal of several trees from the school grounds will take place in the July school holidays. With this in mind, the P&C feels that the original maintenance date of 15th June should be changed until after the removal has taken place. A new date is to be confirmed. Sandeep Rao to discuss and agree with the P&C Presidents some 'promotional' ideas for this event to encourage our school community to come and 'get involved'.

P&C Website Proposal. Vanessa Mayhew presented the Killara PS P&C Association Web Design Proposal. The total cost of this proposal is \$3,404.50. The P&C voted and agreed that this proposal was acceptable and has approved the implementation, subject to confirmation of the 'Cost Threshold'. Vanessa to check with Stella Sung as to this threshold value, and whether there is a need to gather additional quotes. The timeframe for implementation will depend on the defined scope of the project, which is to be agreed. Update to be provided by the P&C Presidents in the next Meeting. Once implemented, the P&C believe that an P&C appointed website administrator will be necessary to ensure the website is kept up-to-date.

Meeting closed: Dimity McCredie closed the meeting, 9.05 pm in the library.

Next P&C meeting: 25th June 2014

Meeting minutes distribution: To be posted on Killara PS website.