

## **Belrose P&C Minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2009**

### **Meeting opened by P&C president Bernardette at 747pm**

**Attendees:** Karen Fuller, Jo Nicholls, Sharon Lacey, Sonia Powell, Kim Ryan, Andrew Jacka, Brett Griffiths, Geoff Vanderfield, Rachelle Sorbara, Meredith Kawamura, Michelle Jacquet, Jo Stracey, Deb Stracey, Michelle Clarke, Michelle Swavley, Pamela Macri, Betina Simpson, Mrs Chappell and Mrs Cohen

**Apologies:** Nil

### **Minutes from last meeting:**

Water tank- Prefects put on hold due to new buildings possibly coming with tanks.

Netball Court- school executive would like court to be relocated to next to current court (Betina to obtain new quote)

Lawn Mowing- Mrs Cohen talked to Warringah Council. Belrose is not registered with the Manly Warringah Sporting Union therefore oval is not used and therefore not mowed. She also talked to legal branch of DET. Insurance does cover a volunteer to mow even if paid. Action: to join MWSU and remove rock then oval maybe used outside school hours. Bernie to ask Warringah council, whether coaching a softball team as part of MWsoftball is enough. Bernie will following up this matter. Michelle S. said Mr Mapstone mowing could compliment council mowing. Michelle J. Company would like to quote as well.

Softfall- Mrs Cohen said BER currently obtaining quotes.

Sound System- complete.

Noticeboard- School Executive discussed. P&C can donate board but not sponsored. Karen F. obtained quotes approx \$350-\$400. Will fit 12x A4 size. Will be a way of communicating with school community. Discussion re who will be responsible? Where should it be put? (Outside KS or near Hall) Who will keep the key? How long should items stay on the board? (2 weeks) Mrs Cohen will be given a copy of the websites by Betina and she will look into location, what it looks like, guidelines and weight. Who could put it up?

Michelle S. put on agenda again, the issue of someone bricking in BBQ. Is this BBQ an outdoor BBQ? If not can we get one and sell this one on EBay? Sonia will look for the BBQ and then we can make a decision.

Uniform- Bernie was contacted by a parent requesting a polar fleece jacket. Kim R. Requested that cotton socks for boys be looked into instead of nylon.

Minutes moved by Sonia P. and seconded by Michelle S.

### **Correspondence (P&C Secretary Betina Simpson)**

Multiple fund raising letters, P&C Journal Term 2 and Term 3, P&C hand book

### **Principals Report (Mrs. Cohen)**

Mowing- already mentioned.

Landfill- Sonia P brought to her attention that neighbour was placing soil on school property. Mrs Stanovic contacted school and said that the soil would even out area on the other side of the oval.

IGA- wanted to put forward a proposal for a "big shop". Sonia to clarify as we already thought we were apart of community chest. We would like a better deal than other schools as we are across the road. IGA are also interested in supporting someone with learning difficulties. IGA have also asked that we help them lobby to get lights at Ralston and Forestway.

IWB's- data points and power points are being installed. Traditional white boards to come. 4 weeks until IWB's will be installed. 6W and 6M cupboards are to be removed.

Sound System- very happy. Year 6 are currently been trained in how to use the system.

New Bell- is up and working. Jo N. asked if it could be turned down. Mrs C. said it is high so E block can hear but will look into it.

### **Treasurer's Report (Rachelle Sorbara)**

Formal report given but in summary:

Income:

- Family Contribution- nil since term 1 and 2.
- Fundraising-money from raffle and chocolate drive.
- Clothing Pool- restocking required but \$13,000 surplus
- Tax- \$5,000 surplus from overpayments possibly 3 years ago

General Fund:

- Term 2 payments to the school
- Insurance paid

Infrastructure:

- Softfall m=now covered by the DET
- Plan to A/C current Year 1 classrooms.
- Awaiting quote for landscaping works such as rock removal, wall removal, long jump pit refurbish.
- ? DET covers. Mrs C. stated they will address erosion. Garden bed outside Boys toilet and outside Library.

Building Fund:

- Meet with Mrs Cohen IWB's cost increased from \$5200 to \$7200 (including installation) The P&C are now funding 7 instead of 5 therefore the balance is \$10500 which was voted on at last meeting. 9 IWB's from DET? Feb. 2010. Where will they be located- KD, KS, 2C, 2IR, 5H, 6M and 6W.

### **Band Report**

No report. Deb S. stated Sax has not worked in 5 weeks and therefore should not have to pay fees. Representative should be present at P&C, Bernie will follow up.

### **Canteen Report**

No report but Term 2 profit and loss will be ready for next P&C.



## General Business

- Bernie asked about Interrelate. Betina said as per Feb. and March minutes she has been unable to get a date as they are booked out but will follow up again.
- Bernie presented A/C quotes. Coolserve \$6800 and Frost \$4850 and \$5600 depending on the system. As Coolserve has done previous work Rachelle said we should support them. Bernie to follow up.  
VOTE:                   FOR                   14                   AGAINST                   Nil Voiced
- Masterchef- as Panasonic has donated a lot of equipment to Year 6 Eye Witness Programme they have asked Mrs Cohen to the Victorian Bush Fire Relief.
- Sharon L. said a photography company asked if the school needed a new photographer and if he could put in a quote. Michelle J. Asked whether we could have a photo of just their child and not class. Mrs Cohen to give feedback to the current company.
- Deb S. discussed Reading Recovery: Literacy an issue in Year1. Multilit is only ½ hour of training, difficult for the teachers to balance. Mrs C. flagged Year 1 with DET. Deb stated it is Term 3 and they need more help. Some kids who were reading well now reading poorly. Michelle J. said her child struggling and has been diagnosed with dyslexia. He is attending Speld, speech therapy, thought Multilit good. Feels some parents are teaching incorrectly. Deb said could the school spend more money. Mrs Ord only there a short time. Mrs C. aware Year1 has issues and has had meeting with the Executive. Getting advice from Dee Why Learning Difficulties. Child need instruction, guided Reading, Multilit. They also have attention span problems, speech and Language. Deb said children are having confidence issues. Mrs C also offering her time. Kathryn D also offered her time. Deb asked if the P&C could employ Mrs Ord for more hours. We have no Reading Recovery. Betina Asked if Mrs McMillan position filled by Mrs Ord and does the P&C fund this. Mrs C stated yes. Deb said there are over 20 students and money needs to be available. Could the school fund a teacher Aide to the classroom and why were some parents unaware of their child's problem. Mrs C said this will be a K-6 problem and there are many underlying issues. Judo is good for focus, control and hand eye coordination. Sonia P asked if streaming is a possibility, Mrs C said it is too hard. Sharon L said these children will need ongoing attention. Deb spends a lot of money to help her child and is accelerating out of school. Betina said other years need support also.
- Finally Mrs C said she needs to look at what is best for Belrose and teacher support. She will consult Dee Why.
- Karen F said bright children need pushing as well.
- Michelle J. Asked if Warringah Council could be portioned by the P&C for a round- about. Betina said if she would write a letter we would support it.
- Bernie asked if anyone would object to a time change. P&C will start at 7pm.
- Next meeting 8th Sept.

Meeting closed 9.45pm