

Belrose Public School P&C

June 9th, 2009.

Welcome by Vice- President

Sharon Lacey opened meeting 750pm, stated that the P&C have not spent as much funds as they would like due to the uncertainty of the Government funding.

Attendees: Sandra Wigzell, Sonia Powell, Jo Nicholls, Michelle Clarke, Kim Ryan, Jo Stracey, Rachelle Sorbara, Sharon Lacey, Meredith Kawamura, Jacalyn Salter, Betina Simpson, Jan Cohen, Mark Warren.

Apologies: Siobhan Douglas-Robertson, Deb Stracey, Bernardette Slattery.

Correspondence: A1 Landscaping quote for Grass Netball Court (behind Canteen)
Rebel – confirmation letter regarding points.
Sandy Carter- re raffle tickets purchase for State Hockey.
Fundraising information

Minutes from Last Meeting:

Outstanding

Water Tank: pending

Netball Court (Mrs Cohen still in discussion with School Executive, will provide Mrs C. with copy of quotes)

Lawn Mowing: Michelle S. Mr Mapstone does not have own Workers Comp. Mrs Cohen to check if DET will cover parent being paid to mow.

Softfall: Mrs Cohen did not meet with DET.

Sound System: 2 Quotes. Parent Geoff Boulton helping Mrs C. to assess quotes. Results will be decided tomorrow.

Noticeboard: Sponsorship needs to be discussed with DET, Sonia P. states Cromer PS has one.

Rebel: discussion with school executive. Points will be used by P&C to buy silent auction prizes.

Dinner Dance: booked Miramare \$100 per ticket drinks inclusive.

Uniform: no further discussion at present.

Mural: Is it an issue? Do staff or school community think new ones would be good and old ones should stay? Mrs C. stated special graffiti protection. Betina S. will ring Warringah council. Jo N. Stated it would be great to paint faces of our community.

Minutes moved by Sonia Powell, seconded by Sandra Wigzell.

Principals Report (Mrs Cohen)

- Whiteboards

- need to buy traditional boards as well as a backup in power failures.

- Audit regarding placement complete. None will be in current demountables as they may be removed.

- Will be ordered in the next 4-6 weeks.

- Buying in bundles reduces price. Although current price \$7200 for complete kit. Mrs C. stated P&C was purchasing 7 boards and they are now \$7200 (X7= \$50 400) and there is a shortfall in the P&C allocation of funds. Mrs Cohen asked the P&C for \$10,400 to cover this amount.

- Rachelle stated the budget budgeted for \$10 000 (computer room) for fixed furniture (has there been any quotes? no comment) and also 5 whiteboards at \$25000 and \$10 000 for installation.

- Jacalyn S. stated if we can afford it the P&C should spend the extra money. Mrs C. said otherwise the P&C buy 6 not 7 IWB's.

- The cost that was previously agreed upon was \$5500 now they are \$7200.

Should the Building Fund give the school an extra \$ 10400 for the IWB's?

Vote: FOR 9 AGAINST 0.

- 4P and 5R already have IWB's plus 7 more from P&C will mean at present 1 between every 2 classes. Jacalyn S. stated she would like to see children from families who have contributed to BF i.e.: older children get access.

- Mrs Cohen stated the classes may change from current room location next year.

- Building Resolution/National Pride - exciting email we can now apply for extra interactive whiteboards through the BR. This will mean every classroom will have IWB's. This will mean holding off other maintenance such as painting but the building fund and P&C maybe able to support. The DET will have to address maintenance but the school is physically in good condition. Max W. from the DET was going to visit the school but has been unable due to illness.

- Sonia P. asked if these initiatives were going to be announced.

- Sharon L. That the parent feedback is that Year 5/6 should gain access to IWB's and that the Building Fund is used sooner than later.

- P&C will purchase a maximum of 7 IWB's and the National Pride will purchase 9. Do not know when they will be available or how long until they are installed.

- Sandra W. asked if the DET will provide the software. Mrs C. said it would be standard DET networking and equipment.

- Sound System – will be installed very soon. Rachelle asked if there were any payments for install due and that the P&C is paying for \$8000 (as per Budget).

- Lockout/Lockdown Policy- includes canteen and clothing pool.

- Lockout- handbell will be rung stay inside room, if on oval go to nearest room. When finished electronic whilst sounded.

- Lockdown- (Riot) Siren sounded. Stay inside. Shut windows, doors and sit under furniture. Everyone will know when first drill, second one will be spontaneous.

- Student Leaders- Planet Ark Plant Day. Plant trees with year 6 buddies. Will talk to Michelle S. re good spot and council for plants. Year 6 and Mrs Staples organising.

- Epipen- asked if P&C would cover cost of new Epipen. Betina S. stated with prescription it is only approx. \$35.50.

Treasurers Report (Rachelle Sorbara)

Formal written report given but in summary:

- \$ 9500 from fundraising. Sonia P. stated \$7200 from raffle so far. Ticket sellers looked great in school uniform.
- Uniform Shop \$13000 already in profit, well above predictions but will be spending to restock.
- Nothing from canteen (end of term)
- Softfall- DET will be covering this so allocated monies need to be reallocated and voted on.
- Building Fund- nil expenditure.
- Infrastructure- ? What to spend this money on.
- Executive will get together and rediscuss Budget and will bring suggested spending to next P&C.

Band

No Report

Canteen

No report

Uniform Shop Report (Meredith K.)

In summary: Meredith to look into installing Electronic Banking in the shop to cut down the work load. Will look into the costs and set up requirements (? Need computer).

School bags- would like to introduce physio endorsed bag. Current bags 23l with logo \$36 propose a 16.5l bag with logo \$37.44. Rachelle asked, what is the minimum order? (Jacalyn thought it was approx. 20 and they receive a discount if ordered in June)

Action: Jacalyn will give sample to P&C executive to look at and discuss. P&C will show teacher representative (? Mrs De Wilde or Mrs Chappell)

Grounds

No Report

Fundraising (Sonia Powell)

- All chocolate money back. Less profit than previous years and next time the school should use Cabruary.
- Education Day: Thank you to Apex and the Stracey Families. Thank you to all those that helped, it was a great community day. Sonia will write a guide re amounts of food ordered, where, number of helpers....
- Raffle: thank you to Year 2 parents especially Jo, Pamela, Sam, Nicki and Betina who did the banking. Supa Centre good profit (\$1700) but not as friendly. Jo said children in uniform a great daw card. Raffle will be drawn next Monday so bring back tickets.

- Year 4 Auction: great prizes, would like to ask classes to provide baskets. Betina S. said it was a bit unfair; parents have been paying a lot of money lately. Jo N. Said maybe we could do whole year baskets. Michelle C. stated with \$100 tickets are auction items going to be bided on?
- Belrose Ball: Jo/Deb excellent job with over 100 people confirmed. Budget to be given to Rachelle. Jo N. asked what the maximum number was. (280). Ball in downstairs room. Ballroom 3. Rachelle S. said all expenses will be covered with a \$500 profit if 120 people attend.
- Sport memorabilia: Christie Marks donated leftover items from a community fundraiser. Many items are signed but do need to be framed to optimize profit. Sonia P. will obtain quotes and asked if the P&C would pay for framing. Jacalyn suggested True Blue Collectables.
- Fair: need to change date as Mimosa Fair was rained out and Frenchs Forest Fair also in September. Betina S. suggested early next year. Planning an old fashion fair with stalls, band, jumping castle and jumble sale. Jo s. feels it would be similar to Xmas shopping night. Sharon stated do we need both?
- Walkathon is being planned.

General Business

- Sharon L. asked what is happening with the Bell, it appears to need a service.
- Sonia P. discussed Athletics and how many schools in the area have the program. Rachelle S. has a raised this with Mrs Cohen. School Executive does not feel it is beneficial. It is \$99 for individuals to register. P&C has proposed with the Gov't sub to fund \$4200 for the school to join. Then each family would pay a small joining fee to the P&C (approx. \$10). Mrs Cohen that in this economic climate should we spend the money on something else. Rachelle will look more into it. Sandra W. suggested that a referendum be held to see if the school community would be interested.
- Jacalyn mentioned that many grants are available and does the school apply. E.g. Solar panels, water tanks.
- Sonia P. asked Mrs Cohen if teacher interviews' will be made available and why they were not standard. They will not be offered. Mr Warren stated you can ask your teacher for one. Betina S. asked why the reports were based on tests at the end of term 1 and not on ongoing teacher assessment.
- Sonia P. stated that people are not opening newsletter attachments thus information is not getting to the school community. Mrs Cohen said the newsletter will continue to be emailed.
- Betina S. asked if the 3G rat could be removed more aggressively as baits and traps are not working.
- Sandra W. said the Year 3 excursion was boring and the volunteers at the Art Gallery were uninterested. Could we offer the Year3 another excursion? Mrs Cohen will follow up.

Meeting closed 930pm.

