

# Wahroonga Public School P&C Association General Meeting

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 via Zoom

## 1. Acknowledgment of country, welcome all attendees and President's address

Present: AF, AA, DM, AB, KC, AH, KM, SG, HG, LK, KT, JG, TC, SK.

KM opened the meeting at 7:34pm.

## 2. Apologies – AS, AL.

## 3. Previous Minutes

General Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.

Accepted as a true and accurate reflection. Proposed: KM Seconded: AF

## 4. Business arising from previous minutes

Nil

## 5. President's report

P&C has applied for a \$130k community grant through Alister Henskens (NSW local member) to upgrade the change rooms at the pool which is a community resource. Application was submitted in June. KM awaiting feedback and is hopeful. Thank you to the teachers for working so hard throughout isolation supporting families and students.

## 6. Principal's report

### Covid-19 and Term 3

Thanks you to parents and the Wahroonga community for working with the school during Covid-19 and for being respectful and supportive of changed operational structures.

Although extra-curricular activities have recommenced or will recommence in term 3 non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this includes parents/carers unless specifically approved by the principal.

Term 3 – we are considering moving back to singular school times of 9:15am – 3:15pm. This will be confirmed closer to the start of Term 3 and will be dependent on current health advice.

Drop off/ pick up of students will still remain the same in Term 3 at this point. If parents need to access school grounds to drop off or pick up their child access is via Gate B/ Boardwalk for drop off and from Path A (Kinder) and Gate B/Boardwalk (Yrs 1-6) for pick up. Older students are encouraged to meet their parents outside of school grounds at end of school day.

PSSA Update: In Term 3 there will be no PSSA. Only soccer and netball are running, there is no AFL. The program is only operating for 5 weeks. Too much of a disruption to Stages 2 and 3 for only 5 weeks of competition.

Canteen – over the counter sales will recommence in term 3.

### Recent Maintenance Works

- A ramp has been installed leading into 1/2V's classroom (Block K)
- An arborist has inspected all tress at Wahroonga earlier this term. Tree maintenance will be conducted during the school holidays on 15th, 16th and 17th July.
- The process of upgrading touchscreens in classrooms has begun – new boards have been installed in 6FV, 6G, 5S and 3R.
- Gutter cleaning is scheduled to occur within the next month – exact date TBC
- Adventure Playground – climbing net removed. It was breaking all the time and each repair was costing thousands of dollars. Rest of equipment was serviced/repaired. Will reopen in Term 3 for use.
- Sandpit – new sand been delivered in holidays. Will reopen in Term 3 for use.

## **Support Class and Unit for 2021**

Last year I had discussions with staff regarding expanding our existing support class into a support unit (3 classes). At the time we decided as a staff against this move. Some changes have now occurred and I have asked staff to possibly consider the option of moving our one class into a 3 class support unit once again.

What has changed?

- We are now managed by the Nirimba office for Learning and Wellbeing. Part of the processes for placement of a child into a support class at Nirimba is through placement panel with Principal attendance at meetings and consultation on appropriateness of student placement.

Advantages of moving to 3 classes:

- Students can be separated across 3 classes instead of all being kept in one class. This is particularly advantageous if students have different social, emotional, behavioural and even academic needs.

- Professional collaboration for support staff in a team environment rather than one teacher operating independently.

- Three classes are supported with an Assistant Principal (AP). We have hired Chris Jones this year above establishment but an AP to lead and manage is allocated under entitlement if we have 3 classes.

KM: how high needs will we go? Classes in mainstream are usually multicat, possibly an autism class and another Multicat class. No major building works but we will need to accommodate two more classrooms. Speaking with the Assets team. How will the kids be integrated? It depends on the child and the situation. AF still has to talk to the director about the need for this in the local area. AB: would we need demountables? AF: possibility, we could use spare classrooms that are not being used currently. Possibly a demountable near the sports shed and a new area near the sports shed. Hoping not to use playground space and if that is necessary, we may look at other options. Going in the newsletter and asking for parent feedback.

## **8. Treasurer's report**

DM tabled current account balances

P&C = \$77,683.19

Shop = \$59,142.91

Audited accounts for 2019 tabled in advance of the AGM (date TBC). DM also informed the P&C of the new MyGovID which has been set up to facilitate ease of use for reporting.

## **9. Uniform Shop Committee**

AA: Super busy at the Uniforms shop even though we had no physical parents in the shop. April was slow but May was very very busy. We did more volume and value of sales than April-May last year. Busy, good, frustrating because of the return to school structure. A lot of work but a lot of really good feedback from parents. Thinking ahead to Kindy Orientation towards the end of the year and ordering new uniforms. Lots of praise for an amazing job by AA in very difficult circumstances.

## **10. Events and Fundraising Committee**

- Vote: to approve expenditure of up to \$2500 for the Father's Day Stall - Approved
- Vote: to approve expenditure of up to \$1500 for the Athletics Carnival Canteen - Approved
- Vote: to approve expenditure of up to \$700 for two P&C BBQs for the remainder of the year (TBC pending the relaxation of social distancing rules) - Approved
- Vote: to approve expenditure of up to \$5600 for Gingerbread house fundraiser for Christmas (with net profit up to \$1400) - Approved

Athletics Carnival: pushed back to early term 4 and hopefully by then having parents to help. We may have to split it k-2 and 3-6 on separate days. Cross Country will be run in term 3 without parents. No qualifying as zone carnivals have been canceled, it's more for the kids enjoyment and satisfaction. Further restrictions may be eased which might make it easier to run these activities. Colour fun run still booked, but flexible about how and when we can book it. We can run it via a few classes or small groups of children. We can wait until term 3 to make that call.

#### **11. Correspondence**

To be distributed.

#### **12. General matters**

P&C meeting to move to Zoom for term 3. Will be held on Monday nights of week 3 and week 8.

***Meeting closed at 8:20pm.***

***Next meeting: Monday 3rd August at 7:30pm***