

Wahroonga Public School P&C Association General Meeting

Monday 3rd August, 2020 via Zoom

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

Present: AF, AS, SG, AA, KC, LK, KM, SB, JG, AB, DL, SJ, HG.

KM opened the meeting at 7:33pm.

2. Apologies – DM, KT.

3. Previous Minutes

General Meeting held 1st July 2020.

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

4. Business arising from previous minutes

Nil

5. President's report

Thanks to staff and Executive for having such a great Covid Safe plan for staff, students and parents. Attended the Northern Suburbs P&C meeting: focus on the curriculum (Maths and English vs sport etc.). Concerns about growth in Ku Ring Gai and the projections for growth in numbers of children.

AGM – when would we like to have it? KM to discuss with P&C Federation whether we are allowed to have the meeting via Zoom.

Community Grants – can we replace the broken adventure playground equipment?

No response on the grant for the swimming bathrooms. Hopefully will hear soon.

6. Principal's report

Education Week

Theme for 2020 is Learning Together. This is very apt for 2020 as this year more than ever we have partnered with parents in the delivery of the curriculum and in supporting students in their education. Unfortunately we cannot bring parents into the school for our traditional Open Day and Education Week Assembly. Students working and learning together will be highlighted in the Newsletter this week. Kooki pins will be presented on Friday for students who are Active and Engaged Learners who work together collaboratively and cooperatively.

Students are participating in a variety of virtual learning experiences provided by the DoE this week. All will highlight how we can learn together in different ways.

School Operations

- Swimming may not go ahead in Term 4 – dependent on staff been able to access annual CPR training.
- Many extra-curricular/ co-curricular activities run by school staff have recommend in line with health guidelines. Activities that relied on parent volunteers have not recommended.
- Kindergarten Orientation is on hold for the current time.

- School camps and excursions are on hold. Day excursions to outdoor locations that require minimal physical distancing considerations (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres and sport and recreation facilities, trips to local river to collect water samples) are allowed.
- Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC and NSW Health guidelines.
- All students should be learning on-campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.
- Existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff.
- All activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.
- Schools continue to monitor and plan for any changes in local circumstances that may arise, including changes in health advice or local restrictions. Staggered start and finish times to remain in place – probably until the end of the term at least.

School Maintenance

- Most tree works occurred during the holiday period. There are still some outstanding works – these are trees around our perimeter and are scheduled to be completed soon.
- One tree in the mulch needed additional testing. Initial Pikus testing was inconclusive and resistograph test was then completed. This testing has confirmed the need to remove a large branch. The mulch remains closed until this work can be completed. It will be done on a Saturday.
- Adventure Playground and sandpit are still closed for the current time.

School Planning

- The current school plan finishes at the end of 2020. Organisation has started for the next cycle of school planning. Schools plans will now be 4 years in duration and are called Strategic Improvement Plans. Every school in NSW has a common Strategic Goal of 'Student Growth and Attainment'. This goal will focus on growth and progress for all students in Reading and Numeracy.
- The first step in the planning process is to conduct a situational analysis of current performance. Parents will be asked for feedback and input throughout the planning process.

KM asked question about reaction to new curriculum, AF welcomed the focus on literacy and numeracy. Still in the beginning phase. No concrete information at this point.

SJ asked AF how teachers are feeling. AF said everyone is adopting the saying "flexible and calm".

7. Treasurer's report

SG tabled current account balances on behalf of DM:

P&C = \$80,298

Shop = \$60,940

8. Uniform Shop Committee

AA: Thinking ahead to Kindy Orientation towards the end of the year and ordering new uniforms. Thinking through many different options about how we can fit the kids and organise for ordering and collection. AF: we could look at setting up time limited appointments on the boardwalk for kindergarten for orientation. AS and AA to discuss ideas around simplification so parents can spend as little time as possible on site. Also called for suggestions as to how we can run second hand options for parents. AA low on second hand stock, maybe a donation drive? AF suggested quarantining returns perhaps. To be further discussed. AF to discuss with CG and CF about options. LK asked about just providing family in crisis with second hand uniforms, AF to put a note in the newsletter that it's available if needed.

10. Events and Fundraising Committee

LK asked about Father's Day and what we might like to do about selection and ordering. Perhaps Flexischools for ordering for kids? AF said the staff are happy to run the stall because she doesn't want the kids to miss out. Possible for adults to come on to site to see what we have. Or we can order all new items? LK to discuss further with AF.

Colour Run – is this still booked? We think so but we can cancel quite late. KM to discuss with KT about moving the event back or perhaps to 2021.

11. Correspondence

To be distributed.

12. General matters

AS discussed community grants available, potentially to apply for soft play equipment for the MC class in the mulch area, will be available to all kids to make the play area more interactive and usable. All agreed it was a good idea to apply for the grant and thanks AS for her help.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Next meeting: Monday 14th September at 7:30pm