



Parents and Citizens of
Cambewarra Public School



Committed to Public Education

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: 6:30 Monday 13th February 2017

Attendance and apologies

Apologies: Roz Phillips, Vanessa Field

Present: Susan Hilliar, Gisle Hueem, Crystal Keane, Tabitha Booth, Jacinta Donaldson, Susan Lukes, Jane Hughes, Nichole Biggs, Glenda Maher, Rebecca Sztachanski, Karrissa Corsaro, Amy Erskine, Rebecca Johnson, Zanna Elliott

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and accepted.

Moved: Nichole Biggs Seconded: Rebecca Johnson

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

School landscaping – Jacinta reported that the landscaping work was completed successfully. Everyone agreed the result was excellent. Jacinta offered to get quotes to concrete the area in front of the kindy classrooms and this was unanimously agreed.

President's Report

nil

Vice Presidents' Report

The P&C president Amanda Poulton has stood down. It was suggested a public thank you in the school newsletter was warranted after the enormous efforts she contributed over the year to COOSH, Canteen, Fundraising and president of the P&C. This was agreed and Rebecca will forward the words to Susan for inclusion. Nichole suggested a gift would be appropriate. \$100 gift voucher was agreed.

Moved: Nichole Biggs Seconded: Rebecca Johnson

COOSH Report

Vacation care made a profit and the new director has settled in now and Coosh is running smoothly.

Canteen Report

The canteen is proving extremely popular again this year and selling out of products quickly. It was reported by parents that canteen notes haven't always been going home.

A welcome breakfast for new families was discussed and Jane and Nichole will determine a date sometime in the next month.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account at 1 July 2016 \$18,474.52

Bank Account 31 Jan 2017 \$28,374.25

	Income Jul-Dec 2016	Expenditure Jul-Dec 2016	Profits	Details
Uniforms	\$14,767.00	\$4,746.06	\$10,020.94	includes \$7000 day 1 sales
Interest	\$4.75	\$0.00	\$4.75	
School Banking	\$152.27	\$0.00	\$152.27	
Fundraising	\$4,351.20	\$1,584.25	\$2,766.95	Election BBQ, Yr 6 fundraisers, Open Day, Xmas raffle
Canteen / Icy Tue	\$7,387.23	\$4,146.70	\$3,240.53	
Other		\$4,559.00	-\$4,559.00	Isons benches (Yr 6), insurance, garden restoration
School donations		\$8,594.60	-\$8,594.60	School sign, concrete paths, literacy supplies, fun day slide, end of year pres, grad pens

Fundraising Report

Year 6 Fundraising will be commencing with the 5 cent collection jars in each class, followed by a mother's day stall and a colour run. The colour run will cost up to \$15 per child but profits to the school will be high and the event is known to be hugely popular amongst kids. There may also be sponsorship associated with this and student entry may be discounted for 2nd, 3rd and 4th children. Glenda Maher volunteered to coordinate this event.

The aim is to finalise year 6 fund raising in the first half of the year so efforts can be concentrated on the calf and craft fair.

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming Calf and Craft Fair 21 Oct 17

Uniform Shop Report

Nichole advised the uniform shop was going to trial opening just once a month, although weekly sales via order form would still go ahead. This was agreed to on a trial basis to begin with

Principal's Report

School hot weather routine has been revised

Fun day feedback extremely positive and also constructive

Healthy lunchbox project provides info on what the ideal lunchbox should contain – no cambe lunchboxes aligned with the ideal. A few people commented that time is a major factor in healthy eating – kids are rushing off to play. Jacinta made the point that often healthy lunches are eaten both during and after school. Zanna made the point that refrigeration is a big issue in what parents can pack for their kids. Susan reiterated that the aim is to get the kids to eat fruit and vegetables instead of processed food.

With Trent Burns departure, a new AP will need to be recruited, Gabrielle Donnelly is temping until a new AP is merit selected in Mar.

Concerns were raised that APs are absent from class too often. Emma Chalker noted that she was only absent to do AP duties during RFF. The exception is if the Principal is absent or for extra curricular activities. Both these events caused Trent Burns to be absent more often which a few parents felt had a noticeable impact on the students.

The presentation evening had a smaller attendance of parents by about 1/3. There is no budget allocated for this next year and alternatives for next year are being considered.

The 2017 draft school budget was tabled. Susan requested P&C consider providing funding towards readers, maths equipment and replacement laptops. Emma provided receipts for 2 scholastic invoices and requested funding towards these. Rebecca requested the school provide an estimate for literacy and numeracy expenses required in 2017 so this can be prioritised by P&C.

Susan advised that P&C could no longer donate money to the school and would have to conduct purchases directly.

Class allocations were explained. The school numbers are hovering close to 313 at which point we would go from 12 to 13 classes. Currently we have 307 students and hence classes are full. Emma explained how the composite classes K/1 works with reading groups and maths groups and reassured parents that children wouldn't be disadvantaged. 4/5/6M was also discussed and Tabitha recounted her meeting with Mrs Merry and how it had been extremely reassuring.

Other Business

The bottom bus stop area has been eroded again and addressing the drainage problems may be a project for Year 6 fundraising.

Positions will be declared open at the AGM next month. Parents are encouraged to nominate themselves, or someone they think has the right attributes, for the positions of:

Secretary – computer skills

President- running meetings, delegating

Fundraising- a group of 2-3 parents

Next Meeting / AGM: 0630 Monday 13th March

The meeting closed at 8pm