

Paterson Public School P & C Minutes

Held via Zoom, link advertised via Seesaw and school and P & C Facebook pages

Date: 16 November 2020

Meeting opened: 7.04pm

Attendance: Sarah Jane Hazell, Leah Gale, Michelle Wright, Amy Merchant, Jacky Keena, John Krick, Danielle Cowled, Alison Teasdale

Apologies: Katie Manderson

Minutes from last meeting were accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Leah Gale Seconded: Danielle Cowled

Business arising

1. Re: the louvre option for COLA – Sarah Jane is still waiting on 3 quotes.
2. The outstanding canteen repairs: Sarah Jane has spoken with Assets Management and they have an option that will cover the screens as well as the bench. She will continue to liaise with them on this.
3. Re: the area around the toilet block and inside the toilet blocks: this will be reviewed after the students have been given the opportunity to give input. Katie has some great ideas for paintwork and craft using donated plastic lids.

Presidents Report

See attached.

Further to the written report it was suggested that current members are best placed to recruit new members to P & C. Danielle also suggested that she could prepare information letting the school community know the extent of what P & C does offer the school. Sarah Jane suggested that we make use of the citizens aspect and encouraging wider community involvement, it could be included in the Paterson Psst. Michelle suggested that the possibility of the P & C folding if it doesn't get enough members or executives may be enough encouragement for new members to join & take executive positions. Danielle will check the membership requirements and ensure that we are set up for members to vote at the AGM.

There was a discussion around the perception of the P & C and what it may be that is discouraging people from participating. Amy suggested that some families may be concerned the P & C is like the pre-school management committee and it would be good to make the distinction. Jacky suggested that we let people know the P & C is about looking after the school community as a whole. Danielle suggested that we let people know why current members joined and are participating.

Principals Report

See attached.

Further to the written report Danielle suggested that the P & C could contribute to any sort of outdoor celebration if it would allow parents to attend a Year 6 celebration with the children. She suggested maybe a marquee area for parents. Sarah Jane advised that the Covid restrictions regarding 4 sqm per person, family groups staying separately etc must be adhered. Alison suggested P & C could pay to hire a larger area, such as Tocal Hall. Michelle suggested this may not be large enough and that some schools are using large outdoor spaces such as showground. Sarah Jane advised that the catering at an outdoor or alternate venue is also a concern as it needs to fit Covid safe guidelines as well. Danielle will look into options that allow 44 parents, 18 children, with all Covid safe guidelines in place. Amy queried whether teachers can attend an off site celebration and Michelle believes this is possible if minimal staff only attend. Sarah Jane has spoken to other local schools and they are holding similar celebrations to what PPS has planned. Sarah Jane advised that the 4 sqm rule applies to outdoor events. Danielle will look into further options and bring it to the executive and if there are options to be discussed, she will arrange a special P & C meeting.

Danielle asked that the budget would be and Sarah Jane advised it is usually around \$20 per child, a decoration budget of \$200 and they have never had to consider venue hire before.

Staffing questions will be sorted closer to the start of the new year. Mr Delforce will stay for 2022, Miss Authers is due back in week 3 of Term 3.

Canteen Report

Rhianna Gorfine will take over from Leah next year.

Uniform Report

Lots of kinder sales have gone through and new stock has been ordered.

Treasurers Report

Balances:

Online saver - \$8,305.39

Cheque - \$22,523.89

Card - \$809.57

New Business:

1. The year 6 volleyball game will go ahead as teachers vs students at this stage.
2. Sarah Jane suggested that one model for the year 6 farewell could be that it go ahead as planned, then a social after party arranged for parents that the teachers wont be a part of.

3. Michelle asked that members encourage families to complete the OOSH survey that has been sent out.
4. Danielle has 2 nominations to hand for Life Membership for Amy Merchant, this was endorsed unanimously. Unfortunately there is no community event available at which to present Amy with the award, however Sarah Jane suggested that just Danielle and Amy could attend the presentation day for the presentation of the medallion. Danielle would like to organise new medallions.

Motion: That P & C will order 5 Life Membership medallions to have in stock from Purnell Trophies, up to the value of \$500

Moved: Danielle Cowled

Seconded: Alison Teasdale

Next meeting Monday February 15 at 7pm.

Meeting closed: 8:20pm