

O'Connell Public School P & C Association Minutes

07.06.2022, 7:00pm, meeting via Zoom

All agenda items are to be notified to the Secretary or President two weeks before the meeting and, if required, accompanied by a written report, and a written proposed motion.

Our Parents and Citizens Association aims to improve the academic, social and emotional outcomes of students regardless of a student's ability, race, gender, religion or socio-economic status.

President reads out:

For the remote meeting, parents online are asked that no children are present for the P&C meeting as sensitive matters may be discussed, and please have microphones muted unless you need to speak.

1. WELCOME AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

Meeting open at 7:08pm.

1.1 Welcome and opening remarks –

1.2 **Present** – Trish Forsyth, Aaron Faulds, Lian Wong, Shana Read, Stina Ivers, Jen Precians, Mitch Hardy, Mel McKellar, Louisa Hennessy

1.3 **Apologies** – Kate Bird

1.4 **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting 10.05.2022** – Approved by Stina, seconded by Claire.

2. PRIORITY BUSINESS

2.1 Fundraisers/events

2.1.1 Motorcycle Club Morning Tea held on 9 April. Received \$400 via cheque, but made out to O'Connell Public School rather than the P&C.

The Motorcycle Club has decided to generously donate an additional \$200 to the P&C, deposited online.

2.1.2 Election Day BBQ and cake stall held on 21 May. Very successful, raising \$1378. Thanks to Stina for organising, and all the volunteers and bakers.

2.1.3 Potential monthly morning tea at café – Thanks to Jen for organising a survey asking if people are interested in Thursday mornings or Friday afternoons. Even split between the two times, and popular with new parents. Maybe go ahead with both, starting next term? Trish to suggest start date, and mention in newsletter.

2.1.4 Potential Car Boot Sale in spring – to be discussed in future.

2.1.5 Potential Colour Chalk Run – to be discussed in future.

2.2 Kitchen garden and outdoor kitchen –

The P&C have reimbursed Geoff Reeves for the kitchen bench materials.

2.2 P&C Storage

Aaron offered to clean up the P&C catering supplies (plates, glasses), if committee can buy some boxes. Need to consolidate and take stock. Approved by committee.

2.6 P&C Admin

2.6.1 The P&C have transferred \$4,323 to the school to support the programs run last year.

2.6.2 Updating CBA bank account details – in progress.

2.6.4 Audit by Advise Accountants in progress – Shana to check on timing. Motion to pay fee of \$150 carried at AGM.

2.6.4 Survey for P&C meeting time/format?

3. REPORTS

3.1 Principal's Report –

Forest Day postponed.

Tux the support dog is going very well. Have seen growth in students' confidence already.

Final 2 staff being trained in quality teaching – Mrs Garay and Mrs Bird. Will be off class this week and next week to undergo training. Paid for by Newcastle University - \$4000 to replace teachers.

Athletics Carnival postponed, moving to Thursday in week 9. Being held at MacKillop as Bathurst doesn't currently have a sports ground.

Trish has applied for some grants – 6x Sunday sessions at the café, second Sunday of every month, 4-6pm. P&C might like to hold a raffle during those times, even though the events can't be a fundraiser, and draw raffle at last session.

Also applied for Fish River Festival funding, but may not happen as venue is tenuous. Pub not available; paddock next to pub is not available; rec ground won't be ready by then.

Melodrama – Trish has applied for volunteer hours on behalf of P&C. May be able to hold rehearsals at O'Connell Church but won't be able to hold event there. Maybe Rockley Hall? If the P&C choose to fundraise by catering, we could provide dinner, or grazing plates or soup.

Trish will be taking a few weeks leave in Term 3. Mitch will be relieving Principal, plus the usual casuals.

3.2 **Treasurer's Report** (Treasurer) – see attachment.

3.3 **Canteen Committee Report** –

3.4 **Uniform Committee Report** – Jen Precians:

New email address: [oconnelluniformsa@gmail.com](mailto:connelluniformsa@gmail.com)

Some items have gone up in price, order form to be updated.

Jen will do stocktake so we know value of what we have on hand.

Second hand uniforms – lots of stock. Jen will check stock and advertise on Facebook. There is now space available on the shelves in the brick store room – will need mouse proof plastic boxes to store stock at school. Marianne can take parents down to retrieve items as required. Lots of brand new stock in second hand – unclaimed unlabelled clothes. Trish will work on clearing some space in next week.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Trish & Mitch have been discussing how to better support kids with their behaviour in years 4/5/6, in response to some recent escalating incidents. Proposal for kids and parents to sign an agreement on expectations of behaviour, with an understanding of responsibilities and consequences. Not compulsory, but would like to make a requirement before taking on extracurricular activities - things that are a privilege rather than a right.

5. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING Next meeting date, time and format TBC. Meeting close 8:07pm.

Attachments

1. Treasurer's Report