

Stanmore Public School Parents & Citizens Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8 Aug 2012

Present: Madi Morrison , Jana Hunt, Sue Rose, Kylie Williams, Rebecca Cox, Fran Larkin, Sally Fryer, Deanah Sheerin

Apologies: Buzz McKenzie, Lea Dawson, Gina Angelicas, Judith Flett, Denise Watson

Meeting opened at 7:20pm

Previous minutes

Madi Morrison verified the minutes from the previous meeting and signed them as correct.

President's Report

Madi thanked all for the huge success of the Book Drive which raised \$8226.00
Grandparents especially enjoyed this. It was agreed to follow a similar format for next year.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report presented – Total funds available \$45,646.39 Building Fund \$9685.01

Audited reports and accounts has been signed by Megan Wakeley dated July 2012. She is a parent at the school and does this on a voluntary basis. Some discussion around whether we have to be audited by an official auditor or accountant.

It was noted that audited accounts should have been presented to the AGM and sent on to the P&C Federation.

Action point

Audited Report to be sent to the P&C Federation.

Principal's Report

Fran Larkin gave an update on the Kitchen Garden Program; the children are really enjoying this.

A working Bee is planned to gut the old library. Plans are to get the kitchen as functional as possible with six cooking stations. A quote has been received for \$90,000. There was some discussion around the possibility of shedding some of the costs if the community could contribute to skills needed such as donations from tradesmen. It was noted that these people would need to be qualified for work such as electrical and plumbing.

It is hoped that the kitchen will be fully operational for the start of Term 4 which will be a year since the grant was received.

It was suggested that the focus of our fundraising could be on white goods or tradesmen.

Showcase is coming this term.

Fran gave an overview for funding for "Every Student Every School" Program which funds the learning support needs of students - a more flexible allocation of funds which will now be an overall grant and not per child as before. It is no longer a targeted allocation and will allow for outside experts to come into the school to assist the children. The learning support team headed by Kelly Higgleet meets once a week to assess where help is needed.

'Local Schools Local Decisions' – Stanmore receives \$200,000 as part of the global budget. The school will be able to make decisions on what staff have at what school. Fran said the issue with this model it will actually be the same pot of money but carved up in a different way. Do not know what the calculation will be for this school in terms of funding.

Unaware of any further teacher strikes planned against Local schools Local decisions. The teachers Federation normally gives a weeks' notice.

It is looking like there will be four Kindergarten classes enrolled for next year.

Fundraising /Calendar of Events

Kylie and Sue reported that the Trivia Night had raised \$22,000 and the live auctions were the best earner. The Cyprus Club had been booked for the 22 June next year. It would be a good idea to have an extra Eftpos machine next year.

Sally Fryer reported that the video for the Kitchen Garden played at the trivia night will be placed on the P&C website once the music has been changed.

Book Drive was very successful raising over \$8000 this will all go towards books.

An Office Works Barbecue is planned for the 19 August 2013. Discussion around whether we need public liability insurance.

31 August – Father's day breakfast.

Local Government Election 8 September – plan to bake more cakes. A car boot sale is also planned for the day. Will see if we get enough interest and help to organise. Paper Cup has offered to do the coffee.

Night Market is planned and information will be placed in Snips.

If we are to progress with the Optus Grant suggested by Denise Watson we have to check that we have the right status to apply.

There was a discussion of whether the P&C have an issue with applying for grants from Clubs.

Action Point

It was suggested that the brochure that was on the tables for Trivia Night be placed on the website as it was very informative.

Any other business

Rebecca Cox asked about selecting the Still Birth Charity for funds raised from Mufti Day this year. Fran explained that the Student Council would need to be approached to approve this.

House Keeping and rules for meetings – this was discussed throughout the meeting.

Key points were that the allocation of funds must be proposed and voted on with a clear indication on what they are for. Although the P&C has agreed that the funding goal for this year is the Kitchen Garden we have not specifically voted on it will be spent on. For example White Goods. The P&C needs to have some costings from the school.

It was agreed it would be a good idea to communicate the target required. We need to communicate the total cost of the garden and kitchen and what we need to raise because some parents have given feedback to say that they thought this was now covered.

Guest Speaker for next P&C meeting confirmed Tuesday 4th September – Topic the re-zoning of Newtown High School of Performing Arts – To be held in the old school library or the staff room depending on no's. Jana Hunt volunteered to publicise and set up the room for the meeting.

Consultation Process for re-zoning of Newtown High School of Performing Arts

A discussion took place about the consultation process by the Department of Education that led to the re-zoning of the intake area for the NHSPA. Jana Hunt expressed concerns about the procedural fairness of the consultation undertaken for the Parent and Citizens Community of Stanmore. An open letter to the P&C was read stating reasons why Stanmore was not consulted in the same way as other schools. We were not treated in the same way and given the same opportunity to express our view.

Stanmore parents received the first written communication a lot later than other schools on the 12th October 2011. Other schools had been informed of the proposal as early as August.

Other schools were told that the closing date for Submissions was the 21 September 2011 – when Stanmore were informed the deadline had already passed.

The initial communication stated that this would not affect many parents – yet the Department of Education had identified Stanmore Public as one of two schools that would be highly impacted.

The Stanmore community did not get an offer to attend a P&C meeting with the representative of Department of Education. Four P&C executives attended a meeting with the Stanmore representative Gavin Patterson. Executives who attended the meeting gave feedback to say at that meeting they felt it was presented as a done deal and there was no offer of a meeting for the broader community.

Other schools were given the opportunity to provide a submission from their P&C no such opportunity was offered by the Stanmore P&C.

The view was that there was no consultation process for Stanmore and the decision was taken before we even knew about the proposal for the changes to the intake area.

It was unfair of the Department to expect the hardworking School and members of the P&C to undertake the communication task for them that is determined by your address and not what Primary School you attend.

Purchase of outdoor furniture - it was asked what outdoor furniture had been purchased from the P&C donation from last year. Fran Larkin informed meeting not selected as yet and would come back to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday 4th September 7:00pm

Stanmore Public P&C accounts as of 6 August 2012

	Cheque Account \$	Building Fund \$
Bank Statement balance	52,422.17	12,461.96
Estimated Commitments(see below)	(1,696.30)	(8,000.00)
Building Fund donations	(5,223.05)	5,223.05
Outstanding payments	143.57	
Total funds available	45,646.39	9,685.01

Funds raised:

Second Hand clothes:	\$1,587.00
Ray White Raffle	\$85.00
Welcome BBQ	\$408.95
Art Show BBQ	\$2,174.01
Easter Raffle	\$3,640.00
Mothers Day Stall	\$2,523.60
K-2 Disco	\$2,980.07
BNO	\$20,627.96
Book Drive	\$8,226.73
TOTAL	\$42,253.32

Estimated Commitments:

P&C Association Insurance	\$750.00	
Outdoor furniture		\$8,000.00
Fundraising costs – BNO estimate	\$638.00	
Facepainting supplies upgraded	\$308.30	
TOTAL	\$1,696.30	\$8,000.00

Outstanding payments:

Fundraising income - paypal	\$143.57
TOTAL	\$143.57