

## **Stanmore Public School Parents & Citizens Association**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 27 Nov 2012

Present: Neil Atwell, Jana Hunt, Sue Rose, Kylie Williams, Buzz Mackenzie, Gina Angelicas, Lea Dawson, Rebecca Cox, Madi Morrison, Mark O'Donnell

Apologies: Fran Larkin, Deahna Sheerin, Lea Dawson. Adam Shapiro, Gina Angelicas, Sally Fryer, Judith Flett

Meeting opened at 7:13pm

### **Previous minutes**

Buzz Mackenzie verified the minutes from the previous meeting and signed them as correct.

### **President's Report**

Buzz to have informal discussions to establish which P&C members will be willing to stand for positions next year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Buzz MacKenzie tabled the Treasurer's report.

Raised \$51,000 \$46,000 available

Building Fund \$12,700 (could buy some hard fixtures for the kitchen garden)

### **Fundraising / Calendar of events**

Kylie and Sue gave update on progress for the night market. More volunteers are needed to make the night a success.

Sale of wristbands for rides prior to event needed to make it financially viable. Parents needed to sell before and after school.

### **Principal's Report**

#### **Neil Atwell gave report on behalf of Fran**

Fran Larkin Thanks to the P&C tabled – Appreciation for the wonderful work this P&C have done this year. The school and students greatly benefit from the donation of time and effort the P&C contributes. The teaching staff really welcome the continued support for their teaching programs. Long may it continue.

Update given on cooking lessons in the Kitchen. The children are really enjoying the cooking classes. The kitchen specialist Niccy Swan was congratulated for doing a great job under difficult circumstances in the makeshift kitchen.

The school has established that the old library to be used as the new kitchen has termites and options are being considered by the school on the best way to treat them. Various quotes have come in from free to \$6,000.00.

The irrigation system for the garden will be run in the school holidays.

Neil gave an update on classes for next year. There will be 21 classes, four kindy classes. There will be a composite 4/5 class and children to be placed in those classes have been notified in a letter.

Year 5 will go forward into the next year with their existing teachers.

The space issue was discussed. The school preferred not to have a demountable classroom but convert the old distance education building. Fran in discussion with the Education Department about this.

Discussion on communication to school community for the classes next year, some children and parents are aware of which class they will be placed in for next year while others are not. Some parents feel this is unfair.

There is a possibility of a teacher's strike next week.

### **Kitchen Garden**

Madi Morrison gave an overview on the progress of the Kitchen Garden Programme

- The budget for the kitchen has not yet been finalised but estimated to be within \$90,000 - \$100,000.
- Installation of the kitchen is now being managed jointly with the school and the P&C with valuable contributions of time from expertise in the parent community. Special thanks to Miles and Mel Mackenzie who have put in considerable hours.
- An update on donations received from community in response to publicity about the Kitchen Garden being vandalised.
- Discussion about inviting Alan Jones to visit the garden (listeners donated to the fund).
- The school has \$47,000.00 in funds for the kitchen garden allocated by the grant received from Stephanie Alexander Grant.
- Since the garden was vandalised extra security would be needed to protect the fruit trees. Discussion around erecting a fence. Bunnings suggested a trellis but no cost as yet.
- Could aim to put up a fence for the school holidays.
- The budget and plan for the kitchen are now being finalised, we have two quotes from the builders, but made the decision we could do it ourselves with project management.
- Decision to build and design kitchen – ordered from China

### **Any other business**

Marrickville High School meeting scheduled for week 8 in term one 2013 – to be advertised on the website.

A proposal for payment to Miles in relation to SAKG project management and Mel Mackenzie for design work was discussed. The issue was raised that a formal vote on allocating P&C funds to such

services could not be taken without some detail (a quote ) on the work required and the costs. This is to be followed up.

Discussion in relation to buying a stage. Buzz Mckenzie conducted some research, found to be expensive. Could be discussed as a goal for next year.

### **Action points**

Question asked about the timing of the P&C meetings. The meetings commence at 7pm. Meetings and timings to be placed on web site and notice boards.

Following up on Audited report and accounts

Put Treasurer's report up on noticeboard.

Highlights of P&C Accounts to be placed on the website.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Next Meeting, AGM in week 4 of term 1