

Stanmore Public School P & C Association

Minutes of the meeting that was held on Tuesday 19 March 2013

Meeting commenced at 07.10 pm

1. **Present** – Kathryn Hillier, Madi Morrison, Mark O'Donnell, Lauren Stryden, Georgina, Fran Larkin, Jen O'Donnell, Eli Sims, Stephen Jackson, Sue Rose, Kylie Williams, Gina Angelicas, Janet Cooksey, Melissa Swanson, Jane, Deahna Shearin, Gillian Dempsey (plus 1), Rachel Van Zanten
2. **Apologies** – Neil Atwell, Sally Fryer
3. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting** – the minutes from the meeting were accepted as a true and correct record by Buzz McKenzie.
4. **Visit by Marrickville High School** – the Principal of Marrickville High School together with several teachers and the Treasurer of their P&C opened the meeting. They very generously gave their time to meet Stanmore parents and answer our questions. Please see separate, specific notes.
5. **President's Report**
 - Our audited accounts have been forwarded to the P&C Federation
 - The Executive has met to plan our way forward for 2013
 - We have started to activate fundraising for the year

6. Principals Report

Ride to School Day – is coming up. Years 5 and 6 may ride unaccompanied however K – 4 must be accompanied by a parent.

National Curriculum – there is a new syllabus which needs to be implemented by the end of the year. It includes a lot of professional learning and has an increased focus on critical reasoning and thinking. We are ahead of the game at Stanmore. There will be two Development Days at the start of Term 2.

SAKG – the kitchen is about to go on the ship – a huge thank you to Madi, Sue and Kylie for all their hard work. You have done an amazing job and it is very much appreciated. Fran will shortly start interviewing for a Kitchen Assistant.

Distance Education – the Department is currently looking at this building plus other spaces within the school which is somewhat problematic. The demographers believe that the area as a whole will require an additional four (4) classrooms by the start of 2014. Then ultimately an additional three (3)

will be required making seven (7) classrooms in total. Annandale North is currently overfull and are no longer able to accept out of area siblings.

Website – is getting some assistance from the P&C to increase it's vibrancy.

7. **Kitchen Build / Garden Update** – Madi and Sue confirmed that we are on track with the kitchen which should be installed early in Term 2. We still need to source floors and bench-tops and costs are mounting so any help would be appreciated. We have been quoted \$35,000 for trades – ie plumbing and electrical work. Options for flooring are either polished concrete or industrial vinyl which could cost between \$6 and \$10,000.

Following the vandalism last year, we have had 20 new trees donated which will be delivered on Tuesday. We need to build barriers around the trees in order to protect them at an approximate cost of \$300.

We currently have \$38,500 in available funds. A motion was raised and passed to spend this money on the kitchen build.

8. **Outdoor Furniture** – it was agreed some time ago to fund furniture for outside the new Library up to \$8,000. However the final quote is for \$9,700 therefore the school will need to fund \$1,700 of the total.
9. **Classroom Resources** – each year the P&C donates \$300 to every classroom for non-consumable resources. Typically this money is to spend on games such as Boggle or Upwords, resource books, puppets etc. These resources belong to the classroom, not the teacher. This year some concern was expressed about whether the amount was still reasonable. However in light of our huge commitment to the SAKG it was decided to leave it at \$300 for the time being. We can review it later in the year depending on expenses.
10. **Global Grant / Funding** – the school receives a 'Global Grant' of approximately \$200,000 per annum from the Department. It is to fund utilities such as water and electricity and casual teachers. Typically we exceed this allotment. Additionally the school receives a Student Grant of \$62.90 per student which is to cover items such as paper, pens, paint and paste.
11. **Websites** – we are looking at improving the look of both the school and P&C websites. The aim is to have a consistent look which is less clunky. We are also reviewing content. It is a slow process but we are getting there.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm