

Stanmore Public School P & C Association

Minutes of the meeting that was held on Tuesday 18 June 2013

Meeting commenced at 07.05 pm

1. **Present** – Fran Larkin, Buzz MacKenzie, Madi Morrison, Kylie Williams, Deahna Shearin, Sue Rose, Kathryn Hillier, Janet Cooksey, Stephen Jackson, Rebecca Cox.
2. **Apologies** – Adam Shapiro, Sally Fryer, Alex Dalman, Lea Dawson, Rachel Van Santen
3. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting** – the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted and verified by Kathryn Hillier and Madi Morrison.
4. **President's Report**

We are currently in the midst of a major fundraising effort with many hours of work going into organising a number of events.

On a different note, Buzz attended a Drama event at which Stanmore children participated and he thought that it was a great effort by the children and teachers. He asked Fran to pass on his appreciation to Ms Lopes – it was a great effort.

5. **Principals Report**

Thank You – Fran extended her thanks to the P&C and parents for all of their recent efforts which have been extraordinary. We have great parent participation in all areas at Stanmore. Their dedication to their own and other children is really marvellous. Research supports that a positive experience of school is reflected later on in life, and that parent participation is a reflection of this.

Reports – due out soon and parent teacher interviews will commence. She stressed that teachers prepare the reports in their own time and that a great deal of effort goes into them.

Parking – the person that Fran was dealing with at Council has now moved roles so there has not been any action. It was originally meant to be discussed at the Council meeting in either March or April. So far there has been no change to signage although the Rangers are out and about a bit more often.

Student Representative Committee – Fran only attends these meetings when she is invited. At this stage only Stage 3 participate in this as it has been found to be a more productive leadership model. Stephen Jackson raised the idea of inviting children to participate in P&C meetings. But it was generally felt that this was more of an adult forum and whilst we recognise that children often have some excellent ideas it would be necessary to provide a specific

framework in order for this to be effective. It is a nice idea but this may not be the right time.

6. **Treasury Report** – See separate report.

Reconciliations – we need to close off each event as soon as possible otherwise it becomes very difficult to reconcile and cash gets 'rolled over'.

Richard Lane – been a sponsor of the school since the beginning of 2010. He is now part of Pilcher Residential and our reporting needs to reflect this.

Purchase of a Safe – it is felt that we could improve our cash handling and part of this is looking at the purchase of a safe. This would negate the need for people to take cash home. The cost would be approximately \$450. It would be covered by existing insurance and could possibly be installed in the upstairs storeroom although this may not be the best place from a safety perspective. Fran confirmed that there is no problem with using the school safe. She does need to talk to Neil regarding access. And would also talk to Claire Mitchell regarding access on Election Day.

7. **Fundraising Report**

Bunnings BBQ – was great fun but full on and busy the whole time. We raised approximately \$2,000 and sold all 1,000 sausages. We have also been given a date for another one at the new Alexandria store in August.

Big Night Out – have sold 220 tickets out of a maximum of 230. The box auctions are going well – slowly but surely. The focus for the night will be on fitting out the kitchen. Sally Fryer and Alex Morrison have prepared a fantastic video supporting this.

Father's Day Breakfast – Sally Hutchison and Melissa Swanson have started planning this. All is in hand – just need to work out some of the logistics.

8. **SAKG Build** – it is getting close to looking like a real kitchen. The bench tops came in yesterday and most of the cabinetry is completed. The floor is looking like costing \$7,500 which is down from the initial quotes of \$10,000 and upwards. There is a metal cabinet containing a power board for school alarms in the laundry area. This is not good as it is now a designated wet area. We have had a parent who owns a security company look at it today and he believes that it is very old and the system it supports was phased out in 2009. We need to get quotes for moving it as children, water and electricity are never a good mix. Leaving it in place compromises the whole kitchen as it does not meet building codes and may result in the kitchen not being signed off. So far there have been seven (7) weekends of Dad's doing the installation !

9. **SAQK Launch** – this is scheduled for 1 August. It is a school function rather than P&C and is being organised by the Sustainability Team. There is concern that there is a fundraising focus at this event. The P&C feels that the launch should be focussed on celebration and that food and drink should be provided free of charge. Whilst the P&C recognises the need for ongoing funding for garden and kitchen staff it is felt that this is not the place for

fundraising. It might be necessary to look at two separate functions. Fran agreed to take our concerns back to the school committee – we need to get the balance right.

10. **Grants Report** – Stephen distributed his report at the meeting.
11. **Pizza Oven** – the school has purchased a pizza oven and are looking at installing it where the tree was recently removed. A number of concerns were expressed regarding this including safety issues, cost and location. Fran confirmed that the school is not obligated to replace the tree with another one and she does not see an issue with the location.
12. **Music Fees** – Fran advised that they are in the process of including them in the Term Fees.
13. **Canteen** – the menu is now on the website. Next meeting is on Friday. The people who run the canteen have been very accommodating and obliging – they are happy to look at any ideas.
14. **Sports Uniform for District Events** – looking at purchasing a t-shirt that can be worn with usual sports shorts. Something that is distinctively Stanmore. They would belong to the school not the students.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm