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7 June 2022

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Meeting started at 7.03pm

Meeting called by: Carina Andrade (P&C President)

Attendees: Mrs D Frasca (Principal), Sarah Trappel (Treasurer), Kathy Logothetis-Lee (Co-secretary), Gemma, Eden, Julia (Team Kids)

Absentees: Louise Cossill (P&C Vice President); Gillian O'Connor (Co-secretary); Lisa Kelly

Update on new elected P&C Committee

Introductions to the new P&C Committee were made. The new P&C Committee have had a couple of offsite meetings to brainstorm what can be achieved with a lot of ideas in bringing the school community back together post COVID and school upgrade project. There was acknowledgment by all that a drop of school and social activities were noted due to current environment. It was welcomed to see the new P&C Committee focused on re-establishing a sense of community to help get us back on track for 2022 through carefully selected events. This is an exciting time with new school rebuild to reconnect with teachers and school community.

Action: Confirm the flagship events for 2022 and identify ways P&C can support teachers and long-term vision of school.

Communication and Engagement

There was some discussion around how can we best communicate to school community and best platforms to be used to reach wider audience. A good example was given regarding the discounted VIVID cruise that was on offer by the P&C Committee which resulted to a lack of

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engagement and community not aware of this offer. Could there be a better way to reach parents?

It was mentioned there was no Canterbury South Public School facebook account due to a number of reasons including some behavioral challenges in how this channel was used in the past. Judging from responses of a past communication survey sent to the school community, the most preferred method continues to be email and newsletter. A number of channels are already offered and active to reach wider community including the school website, Seesaw Family app, school newsletter and school App. Seesaw Family app was identified as an excellent platform to circulate information. Mrs. Daniela Frasca made a good suggestion she would be happy to arrange P&C messages to be circulated via the Seesaw app that would be communicated by each teacher reinforcing messages consistently in addition to other channels such as above.

Action: Review the P&C Federation website for further recommendations.

How can P&C better support for 2022?

Discussion around fundraising goals for the school was raised. With the new school upgrade project, we have the advantage of infrastructure in place. Overall, the students of Canterbury South Public will be getting a new school with all furniture and education facilities to support the student community. Sufficient computer and technology are already in place with a three-year life span including a range of new books for home readers. Furthermore, school receives funding via hiring of school hall (e.g., Team Kids) and canteen's tender giving opportunities to pay any difference from school's budget.

Within 6 weeks' time, our school principal addressed that the students will be moving in open plan spaces with a different style of teaching. There will be a transition phase where teachers will be able to identify in good time some potential options we could direct our fundraising goals, however, best to firstly experience this new space before determining where further funding could be spent. School principal is very keen to see programs in place where it will make a change with a positive impact to students.

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Proposed Flagship events – Refer to pre read

A pre read was provided to the school principal addressing goals of new P&C Committee and a couple of exciting flagship events to help reconnect our school community. Following unsettling period of COVID and Canterbury South Public School redevelopment, we want to transition at a realistic pace that is effective while also acknowledging school existing resources and teacher's commitments. Over next few weeks including upcoming school holidays, teachers will be packing existing class rooms and removalists underway to prepare students in moving into the new build which will be ready in Term 3. Parents will have the opportunity to see new space during upcoming Education week. P&C will have an opportunity to perhaps have a stall.

P&C Committee are keen to start with 2-3 flagship events to allow us to work productively, with the school, avoid conflict with already planned activity and ensure school staff resources are carefully considered. This will help bring parents, citizens, students and teaching staff back together to network in a relaxed yet fun environment. The following flagship events have been identified to proceed:

1. **Book week:** P&C to leverage existing activities planned by the school and potentially source authors to read new book collection to Kindy and Stage 1 while also having 'crafty makes' competitions. This is considered a great event where teachers and students dress up in their favorite characters.
2. **Halloween Disco:** Hold a Halloween party for students, teachers and parents in October where all students get to dress up in their favourite spooky costume. A number of activities will be considered including face painting, photo booth, nail polish, games and popular Disco. As part of the fund raising, this will also include food and beverages arranged by the P&C Committee. Potential date: 28 October.
3. **Christmas night:** Leverage school's existing plans for year-end Christmas night and support existing Christmas theme providing additional options such as pizza, ice-cream, face painting and potential Santa visit. Details to be confirmed closer to the date.

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Action: - P&C Committee to speak to Mr. Sanchez regarding potential stall during Education Week. P&C Committee to start communicating dates of above flagship events to help community save the date.

Team Kids update (Julia)

There are 35 students currently enrolled in Team Kids. An increase is expected in due course as the school enrolment is expected to get bigger. Team Kids is the school's provider of Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) to help excite, engage and entertain students before school, after school and throughout school holidays. A range of fun activities are included in the school hall with a big focus around life skill building. A parent was extremely impressed with the school holidays program as their child in Kindy was new to Team Kids and very grateful to receive photos showing what a great day they had as the day progressed.

Principal's update

The following updates were made by School Principal, Mrs. Daniela Frasca:

Cross country – On Wednesday, 18 May students from year 3-6 participated in the Cross Country. While space was interrupted with grass field not mowed, kids really enjoyed the day with a big take on kids who wanted to run. This was a successful event and thoroughly enjoyed by students and teachers. Thank you to parent volunteers.

Parent workshop – Mrs. Rigby ran a parent session to help families understand what the new school environment would be like in terms of new learning and co-teaching environments. Parents really enjoyed the session and good discussion with a request for Numeracy to be a potential focus in the next session.

2022 Naplan – Naplan exams ran over a 2-week period which was slightly extended due to kids being absent. Students were settled and encouraged by teachers to do their best and not feel pressured. This was done online and ran well and according to plan.

Public speaking competition – Public speaking competition was held where two students from each class were selected to present their prepared speech and were given an opportunity to

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deliver an impromptu speech. Mariella and Lousha have gotten through to the next round and representing our school in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

Stage 1 excursion – A very successful day where students really enjoyed their excursion.

Staff changes – Recent staff changes were discussed with Mrs. Tran taking personal leave and Mrs. Mills taking Fridays off for the remainder of the year. Another teacher taking a term off as well where positions are trying to be filled Mrs. Sotelo has officially retired.

Gymnastics program – Students are very excited with the program that has recently commenced. School had subsidized the majority of fee through a grant.

Academic reports - Reports are being written at the moment. Format has slightly changed to accommodate Department of Education requirements and policies.

New Building – Next Wednesday, staff will officially visit the new three-storey building which is a very exciting time after a lot of patience with the delays of the redevelopment project. Early next term we will officially have CSPA staff and students finally transition into the new classrooms. Thoughts around doing special things around the school were discussed including a recognition as a peace garden and respect to those students who sadly have passed away (i.e., Plaque and their tree).

Traffic and behavior - Emphasis was made to keep our children safe and staff on occasion had been addressed with disrespect from parents within our community when asking them to refrain from using this carpark. We need to focus on being vigilant around the roads and keeping our children safe.

School uniform – There will be eventually a new school uniform rolled out, however, it was noted this is likely to be an 18 month transition process.

School photos – School photos will be held on Wednesday, 8 June with a second photo day planned on Thursday, 16 June for year 6, captains, and group photos as well as individual make up photos for any students who were away.

Treasurer's update

The latest bank account reconciliation is from 7th Feb to 3rd June.

The account balance was \$4,027.91.

There were \$6 in P&C member fees deposited. There was also a \$20 parent donation.

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There were no expenses.

The closing balance on 3rd June was \$4,053.91.

The cash tin opening balance was 139.65. There were \$10 in P&C memberships. Also, no expenses, so the closing balance was \$149.65.

In total, there is \$4,203.56 available.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.