



MINUTES – P&C Meeting 4 – 17th June 2019

Attendance & apologies

Attendees: Flavia Morello (President), Amanda Tattersall (Vice President), Jill Jeremy (Secretary), Stephen Reed (Principal), Jo Rawlings (Learning Support Teacher), Kerri Dawson (Learning Support Group), Bill Lloyd (Treasurer), Remi Duracher (Sustainability Group), George Grose (Indigenous Group), Karlee Young, Jean Karl, Sarah McIlven, Martina Cejkova, Heidi Moran, Carolyn McCann (Grants), Kathryn Michie (new member), Jill Hung (new member), Emily McKnight, Lia Singh

Apologies: Kate Obermayer (Vice President), Alastair Jeremy, Rob Hynson (Garden), Sam Korff (Events), Mic Everett (Gardening)

Meeting opened at 7.03pm with George giving the Acknowledgement of Country.

Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of Meeting 3, dated 20th May 2019, were overlooked at this meeting and await approval until the next meeting.

Discussion -

Learning Support - Stephen, Jo, Kerri

Stephen & Jo gave a very informative presentation regarding how learning support is structured, funded and staffed at the school, how students are identified as requiring learning support, the types of support offered (e.g. from adjustments in class such as visual aids, to mini/multi-lit programs for literacy), the frequency and types of review of learning support needs and ongoing staff development.

Current learning support needs at FLPS are more behavioural/social; however, the school identified and recognised the need for more support for students struggling academically.

Kerri presented on the parent run Learning Support Group, which meets regularly and is a safe space for parents/carers to debrief about their experiences/struggles/success and to share ideas and knowledge. Kerri reiterated that the group is open to all and that children do not need to have a diagnosis for someone to be part of the group. Jo confirmed she passes on the details of the group to parents whose child/ren have a learning support need, but it was agreed that perhaps the group need to be more proactive in advertising their existence. An advert can be sent to P&C membership list via Mailchimp and put out on the school news app.

P&C recognise the need to allocate more funding for learning support, e.g. to pay for extra teachers to be trained in mini/multi-lit program. Funding to be discussed at a subsequent meeting, but the proceeds from the Halloween Disco will go towards Learning Support this year, as they did in 2018.

Music Committee - Emily & Lia

Proposed increase of conductors fee from \$100 to \$130/rehearsal in line with industry standard. Budget reviewed and deficit acknowledged. Music Committee will be incrementally raising fees each year to cover this.

Motion proposed by George, seconded by Jill, all in favour, approved.



Yvonne has resigned as conductor after nearly a decade at the school. Remaining as tutor and choir teacher. Music Committee to organise something in recognition of her contribution.

School Colour Fun Run - George

George presented proposal from Indigenous working group for a school wide colour fun run, organised through schoolfundraising.com.au. The school executive are in support, as are Flodge Flyers running club. This is an online sponsored event, with 60% of proceeds raised going directly to the school, 30% given in prizes though Stephen has negotiated that our prizes will go to the school as a whole and will be given in the form of technology (laptop computers) and 10% fee taken by the organising company. The profit figures George presented showed that the event raises an average of ~\$120/student.

Event is scheduled for Term 4, sometime in November, and will take place at Jubilee Park. The logistics on the day will actually be organised by the school but will need parent helper volunteers. Also parents will be responsible for creating an account and online sponsorship form for their individual child/ren. George proposed to include emergency services in this event (police & fire brigade) which he will organise. Funds raised will go towards the playground upgrade.

Motion proposed by Amanda, seconded by Bill, all in favour, approved.

Sustainability - Remi

Vision statement has been prepared and will go to the community for input.

Continuing to work with student leaders on projects.

Grants - Carolyn

Community building partnership \$50K funds were set to expire 30th March 2019. We were granted an extension to the 30th June, but will not be able to complete (or even start) work before that. Flavia made formal complaints about the asset delays to both the local member (Jamie Parker) and the director of schools (Rod Megahey). An apology was received from Rod who also provided a letter from the assets unit on the timeline for the grant (due to start 8th July and take 6 weeks to complete). This letter has been submitted via email to the community building partnerships with a request to vary the end date, but no response received yet. Due to delays we will now need to pay the cost of portable toilets as work will take place during school term with students on site.

Funding, Spending & Approvals

Motion to release \$50K for toilet upgrades to school once response has been received from community building partnerships. Motion proposed by Flavia, seconded by Amanda, all in favour, approved

Reports:

EVENTS/FUNDRAISING

Next event is Trivia Night on 27th July 2019. Events group working to ensure this is a success. Justine has secured \$5K in funding from Aussie Loans, which will be our sponsor for the evening. Aim to raise ~\$15K for flexible furniture.



GRANTS (Carolyn McCann)

Solar panel grant:

We have accepted funding for the solar panel grant (\$16K) from the community building partnership scheme. Stephen has applied for the additional \$16K through the Department of Education

Toilet block grant funding:

We have \$50K of funding through the community building partnership scheme and \$50 from Jamie Parker for toilet block renovations that will cost \$145K. (Note: Dave Sawkins estimated that this should cost \$100K but as we are forced to go through Dep of Education Assets Unit for works under \$150K, we must use their contractor, who cost \$145K)

The original plan to do the renovations over the December/January holidays was not possible and project was delayed by 6 months.

See above re expiration of community grant and follow up regarding this.

Other possible grant options are being explored:

- Heart Foundation “Active Australia Innovation Challenge” Funding (\$10K; <https://campaigns.heartfoundation.org.au/active-australia-innovation-challenge>) for creating calm space/activity spaces for children with learning differences (need to consult with Stephen to fit into existing plans)
- City of Sydney Event funding for the school fair in 2020.

LEARNING SUPPORT (Kerri Dawson)

As above.

SUSTAINABILITY (Remi Duracher)

As above. Aim to meet informally more regularly to try to action resolutions in a more timely manner.

GARDEN (Mic Everett)

Nothing to report.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Dave Sawkins)

Playground - Survey was approved by school and P&C – 50/50 split of payment. Completed 11th June 2019 & used to commence the Landscape Design.

Bathrooms - Out of P&C's and Stephens control (sits with Assets) – There is no way that the bathrooms will be done by the 30.6.2019.

INDIGENOUS (George Grose)

Nothing reported.



LANGUAGES (Anthony Jucha)

Nothing reported.

Other business

ACNC AIS submitted 13th June 2019

Insurance renewal due July. P&C Federation should notify us.

Close

Focus topic for next meeting on 19th August 2019 is flexible furniture with an update from Bianca Filmer, as well as an update on sustainability activities. To take place in Ms Rees's room, so P&C can see the furniture in use.

Meeting closed at 8:53pm.