

TURRAMURRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C Association

Minutes of General Meeting 5th May 2009

AGENDA ITEM		COMMENT	ACTION
1.	Meeting Opened	7.43pm	
	Attendance	Jason Smylie, Karen Galea, Vanessa Middleton, Jane Street, Michael Chanell, Judy Giacometti, Mandy Sibbald, Melinda Williams, Ros McCallan, Craig Rich, Karina Richter, Archie Johnston, Anne Kenyon	
2.	Apologies	Geeta Field, Andrew deVries, Julie Grant, Jo Pallas, Anton Reisch, Vivienne Reiner	
3.	Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Proposed: Jane Street Seconded: Michael Chanell	
3a.	Business Arising from the Previous Meeting	None	
4.	Correspondence	Covered in later reports.	
5.	President's Report Archie Johnston	Attended Northern Region P&C Meeting where major discussion was on government roll out of moneys. There was a lot of angst in the community and it's important to establish a network to learn from each other. Had received correspondence re White Boards from parents hence tonight's presentation before the meeting. Good to have another update further along the track. Sustainability proposal discussed - Vivienne is overseas.	
6.	Principal's Report Ros McCallan	TCS Connected Classroom project with THS, Gordon West & West Pymble - TPS has put in an application to get VC equipment based on this project. Melinda Williams focusing on using NAPLAN data of our students with regional support from regional office, looking at high school's data and coming up with common threads of where we should be addressing certain areas. A project was created to build the students' skills around those areas. Lots of meeting with teachers designing lessons. Melinda planning lessons for 5/6 classes and year 8 THS class. It was a joy to watch. Ros received a phone call from MU who was impressed with quality of teaching and that technology was being used but wasn't the centre of the lesson. MU contacted Education Conference organising committee who have now invited TCS to run their own session at this conference in front of educational researchers etc. It's a huge accolade and Ros expressed her pride in the efforts of Melinda and team for all the hard work. Already the impact is visible in the student's writing. Staff Development Day at THS last week with West Pymble PS & Turramurra HS staff- looked at shared data across whole school - looking at K-12 literacy syllabus. Very worthwhile and productive day. NAPLAN set down next week Tues-Thurs. Makeup on Friday. Ros passed cheque to Archie - collection of P&C contributions to date. Big agenda is BER - Building Education Revolution. Our projects we put in for were electricity upgrade, cola with sound system, K-2 playground refurbish, toilets and sewer upgrade. All registered and on weekend Ros got email saying we were getting a state of art learning centre. Ros showed meeting a map that was attached. It's out of \$3million pot. When Ros was asked why were we offered this building, the response in from the state office was that they had been given more instructions from fed.govt and that it had to be a hall or a building like this to be used as a library or learning centre. Ros had to accept this by today or possibly get nothing. We don't	

		<p>want to miss out on anything. The new building would be as a library/learning centre/digitally wired etc. They would then demolish current administration block and OOSH block. They would then take current library and make it the administration block & an extra classroom. Asked them to consider whether it would be possible to site that building in a different spot and thereby keep the current buildings. They would include electrical upgrade in the work. Sustainable things included like solar panels and that has been accepted as well as improved ramp access. Ros was passionate to get some things off our agenda – specific needs for our school that we’ve identified so her thoughts were toilet upgrade can be done in stages & K-2 playground also could be done in stages. I asked them for their quote on the COLA including sound system and lighting comes in at \$190K approximately. I thought about demountables which are \$110k approximately. Best to ask for biggest ticketed items. So I have put the COLA as the National Pride project. A COLA has been what we have been wanting for such a long time and would be an invaluable asset for many reasons, serving the needs of our students well. Timeframe has to be completed in approximately 18 months time. I have talked to Jane Street & Archie about OOSH – need to check lease with legal branch – based on sq.metre sizes for children. Possibilities are; The new AV room (old infants staffroom) is a big space with kitchenette could be used in the interim. Also have cola, toilets and contained playground easy to monitor, would still need a classroom space, perhaps use one other classroom as an activity room/study room. Whether it’s a long term arrangement would need to be decided. In terms of parents picking up kids it would be easier & safer in Satterley Ave than using Kissing Point Road. The new building has lots of positive things for our children. Understanding it’s one storey. Vanessa mentioned it would be good to have it not just ‘good’ in one year, but ‘good’ in 10 years time as well. Ros asked if parents supported decision she’s made, all agreed. ‘Shovel ready’ has been catchphrase of whole project. Craig asked ‘enable disabled access across site’ is it part of new plan so Ros hasn’t had clarity on that. New buildings and refurbished have to be disabled friendly. Ros mentioned it needs to be looked at how they manage without office, staff toilets during the building of the new building. Ros has requested discussions of safe access for children – lots of issues to unpack still. Jane Street mentioned that it’s important the community realises that OOSH has been talked to and is being liaised with. Ros emphasised that OOSH is highly valued by school as an essential service and the school would look after this service providing other spaces. There is no waiting list at TPS OOSH now – and a few vacancies. Now at 85 in afternoons currently. ROS reiterated there is a transitional plan for OOSH which will need to be addressed as they go along. Lucky at TPS to have so much land to play with. We have lots of options and possibilities. General consensus was very positive from the parents. Archie thanked Ros for all her positive work on this. Archie mentioned that this isn’t the end – we need to be flexible and take what we can get.</p>	
7.	Treasurer’s Report Andrew DeVries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a great deal of activity through the accounts so far this year. - Fundraising from sale of Easter chocolates has raised about \$3,410 to date. Sales \$14,973, costs \$11,562 (\$12,719 incl.GST) Some money is outstanding, some chocolates won’t be sold. - Uniform shop has contributed to cover the cost of its refurbishment. - P&C Family contributions not yet received from the school. Expect approximately \$21,000 - Cost of new play equipment due to be reimbursed to the school shortly. <p><u>Income & Expenditure</u> Bank Balance as at 4 May 2009 \$48, 923.15</p>	

		<p>Total Income \$24,022.47 Total expenses \$11,800 Amount carried forward \$61,145.62 <u>Committed Expenditure</u> Playground equipment \$30,000 TAFE Seating \$6,000 P&C Insurance \$2,200 Chocolate Purchase \$12,718.81 Workers Comp \$1,000</p> <p>Mandy Sibbald proposed to accept Jason Smylie seconded</p>	
8.	Re-structure/re-instatement of a sustainability sub-committee	<p>Redraft of Sustainability proposal circulated by Michael Chanell. Sustainability Consultation Group – new title Michael said there are a number of interested people who'd like to join the group. He supports the idea and says the Committee is a convenor & secretary & 5 other members of P&C. He's got 8 including himself and Vivienne. He puts his hand up for convenor, Vivienne Reiner secretary, Peter Davies, Karen Galea, Anton Reisch, Michelle Barnett, Tim Copping, Ingrid Pollard, Also need an ex officio member which is either Ros or a delegate. He can show that there is an interested group now and open it up for discussion. Open the floor for questions. So anyone can join. Not here to push the green agenda. More to work with school and build sustainability into the school. Working within the P&C boundaries. Craig Rich asked if the sustainability group would be a sub group so does the P&C set the agenda they look into or do they come up with their own issues? Concerning that that may not relate to the direction of the school. Michael answered that it was part of the P&C. Broad direction from P&C and school. Issues can be raised from group as well. Two way street. Thinking of convening once a month. Craig asked if there's a suggestion made at P&C, and is that voted on at P&C if that's viable and then sustainability. We won't run around on our own authority says Michael. Michael proposed to accept. Karen seconded. All approved – none in the negative.</p>	
9.	Band Report Geeta Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The band director Tim Rowland informed the band Committee the new Band restructuring is working well and each Band has all the correct instruments. • Band Camp was very successful. Combination of Band Camp Committee, Parent Volunteers and all the TPS teacher's who helped us out at the weekend. • This term we are getting ready for the East Ryde Band Festival held on the Sunday 31st of May 2009. All TPS Bands are participating. • We are also looking into Performing at the Yamaha festival in June. We are still finalising details of which band is playing when and so forth. 	
10.	Canteen Report Jo Pallas	<p>First Term went fairly smoothly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandparent's Day was busy and an overall success. Many comments are still coming in about the delicious meals prepared by the Canteen Committee. Thanks to all the extra helpers on the day. • Thank you to the P & C for donating bags of eggs and bunnies for the Easter Raffle and Colouring-In Competition. • Unfortunately the Easter Raffle, Colouring-In Competition and Easter Bun Orders were not well received this time – due to an overlap in fundraising/ school activities. We will 	

		<p>revise this for next year and maybe need to discuss with the P & C a fundraising calendar so we don't overlap and everyone benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Bowden is recovering from surgery and will not be returning until Term 3. Kate Paull has agreed to take on the Canteen Supervisor Position for Term 2. • We are hoping to have a Meal Deal during Education Week – on Open Day. Details still need to be discussed with Ros McCallan re if we should be providing a meal for visitors as well as students. • We assume we will be running the Canteen for the Athletics Carnival – need to verify with Ros McCallan. • We will be holding our End of Term Sausage Sizzle – it was missed last term due to unforeseen circumstances. • New and Returning Menu Items for Term 2 Hot Chicken Rolls, Corn on the Cob, Toasted Sandwiches, Hot Chocolate and Soup. <p>We will continue to fundraise due to the disappointing response in first term to finalise the canteen refurbishment.</p>	
11.	Uniform Shop Report Jason Smylie	Jason shows 'skorts' examples – new item cross between black shorts & skirt. Girls love them. Retail about \$20-\$25 each. General feeling is that most people like them. Jason will look into finding a cheaper supplier if possible. Uniform Shop has been EXTREMELY busy!	
12.	General Business Grounds Report	Craig reports – he & Ros have had discussions re K-2 playground. Craig met with professional playground designer. He's gone away (award winning playground company) and thinks he can come up with something rather good. Looking forward to his concept design and a costing for removal of concrete etc. He won't cost implementation of design. We'll get a concept plan which will give us some options that will need to be implemented down the road. Secondly – Craig is keen to propose a working bee date, plants planted on Harmony Day last year are looking good – need to be planted. Varieties work well with existing plants. Good stockpile of mulch. Planting and mulching. Area behind Year 1 classrooms needs tidy up and TLC. Needs a makeover. A green space that needs a nice presence. Date for working bee – Sunday 24 th May.	
13.	New Business	<p>Mothers Day – shop this Friday. Kids to bring \$2 coin to pay.</p> <p>Trivia Night – on Saturday 13th June.</p> <p>Jane asked people to be sensitive to people who've just lost their jobs re fundraising.</p> <p>Judy asked for clarification on Music: Why disruptions and Mrs Thompson? Ros responded 'regular' music lessons has been an issue, Beth Vallentine has been on leave and there have been many different casuals relieving and their regular availability has been an issue. Miss Duffield (now Mrs Thompson) has agreed to stay for as long as is needed. Kids are delighted to see her back. Need to give her some time to get her head around what's happening. She is very happy to be back and has settled in well.</p> <p>Also asked for rules of new playequipment. Before and after school it's off limits unless parents are supervising. Recess and lunch it's for 3-6 only, except for K-2 classes can do it in their class time as a treat.</p>	
14.	Next Meeting	Tuesday 23 rd June	
15.	Meeting Closed	9.25pm	