

TURRAMURRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C Association

Minutes of General Meeting 1st September 2009

AGENDA ITEM		COMMENT	ACTION
1.	Meeting Opened	7.30pm	
	Attendance	Ros McCallan, Susan Read, Katrin Cornell, John McKinnon, Archie Johnston, Michael Chanell, Audrey Fan, Teresa Lee, Jason Smylie, Mandy Sibbald, Andrew de Vries, Vanessa Middleton, Anne Kenyon	
2.	Apologies	Craig Rich, Geeta Field, Jo Pallas, Julie Grant, Julie Hunter, Sharon Casey, Melinda Williams, Deidre Gomez	
3.	Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Proposed: Michael Chanell Seconded: Jason Smylie	
3a.	Business Arising from the Previous Meeting	None	
4.	Correspondence	Anne received email from Julie Hunter - new bike racks to be addressed later in meeting.	
5.	President's Report Archie Johnston	Received a circular from David Hope from District P&C re infrastructure projects & good information was given. This was passed around. Archie also has been speaking to Ros on a number of matters giving advice on infrastructure.	
6.	Principal's Report Ros McCallan	<p>Ros expressed her appreciation to Archie on his input in giving advice recently re BER.</p> <p>Ros made note of 2 TPS teachers - Melinda Williams & Katrin Cornell, both have been nominated for Quality Teaching Awards - the most prestigious teaching awards in Australia - it's a huge honour - both at final stage. Katrin Cornell has completed final stage - team of educators come out, interview everyone. Melinda Williams will be going through that process next week.</p> <p>Ros noted 2 new initiatives this year at TPS - Robotics team into Robo cup in UNSW - got into final. And Stage 3 classes entered into NRMA Pushcart Challenge. The learning for all was phenomenal and great fun as well. Very successful programs that enhanced student learning.</p> <p>Congratulations to 2 new teachers appointed to permanent status at TPS in 2010. Jacqui Gordon has replaced Ingrid Blair. Amanda Kynaston has become the full time librarian next year.</p> <p>On other matters, the school has replaced 45 toilets throughout school with brand new dual flush.</p> <p>5 interactive whiteboards fully installed.</p> <p>5 brand new computers plus laptops about to arrive which will integrate with whiteboards more effectively. Small wireless connections being installed too. Archie enquired re additional security for laptops & Ros said in between use they will be returned to strong room & will also have cables for security.</p> <p>Painted and carpeted the AV room (old infants staffroom).</p> <p>Painting and cleaning of school hall has been ordered.</p> <p>New blinds to computer lab and the hall have been set up.</p> <p>Library isn't being done until after renovations.</p> <p>John McKinnon has helped with drainage issues on walkway.</p> <p>Ros apologised to SCG - she hasn't looked into council matter due to BER workload but it's on her to-do list.</p> <p>BER presentation - not alot of flexibility in design. But the team have come back with a number of changes to accommodate and support school needs.</p>	

		<p>Ros showed the meeting the design for Student Learning Centre. 35 metres in length fits to right of covered walkway as you walk down to K-2.</p> <p>Ros also showed the design of renovated existing library as the new Administration Building.</p> <p>Ros also talked about moving the current carpark to the other side of the existing library (i.e. the new Administration building). She has worked hard, consulting with contractors, arborists etc to keep as many trees as possible and as much of the existing native gardens. Showed a plan for new carpark. The old carpark will not be used as a carpark due to safety access. There will be no money left to landscape the old carpark but Ros noted that the bitumen is not very deep so it should be relatively easy to rip up if that is a direction the school decides to go.</p> <p>Most of the new carpark will be screened from the street as the garden will be kept next to street & next to neighbouring fence. Final costing been done & sign offs by various departments then it will commence. School electrical upgrade will bring us into line with regulations and support the school educational needs for use of further technology.</p> <p>Mandy asked re a/c in new library? Ros answered that it is not included.</p> <p>Building starts in November 2009. Ros has requested that they build the new library, then we move out of old library, then they do refurbishment of old library & new carpark at the same time. Will take 5 months approximately for each stage.</p> <p>Update on multi-purpose sports court - concrete base being poured tomorrow. Cricket nets included too. Hope to be finished by beginning of Term 4 weather permitting.</p>																									
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report Andrew DeVries</p>	<p>Income expenditure statement provided Currently \$24k in bank. After committed payments.</p>																									
8.	<p>Band Report Geeta Field</p>	<p>We participated at Yamaha & NSW Band festivals, we were very successful both competitions. TPS Band results were as following:</p> <p><u>Results of Yamaha Band Competition held in June 09</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="555 1361 1230 1608"> <thead> <tr> <th>Band</th> <th>Results</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Junior Band</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intermediate Band</td> <td>Silver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Band</td> <td>Silver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Performance Band</td> <td>Silver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage Band(year 5 & 6 Jazz)</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Results of NSW Band Festival held in August 09</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="555 1697 1230 1944"> <thead> <tr> <th>Band</th> <th>Results</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Junior Band</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intermediate Band</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Band</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Performance Band</td> <td>Bronze</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage Band(year 5 & 6 Jazz)</td> <td>Gold</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Special mention to the Performance Band who played very well, as they were entered in Primary school Concert Band Premier event category against more experienced bands, not Grade 4</p>	Band	Results	Junior Band	Gold	Intermediate Band	Silver	Senior Band	Silver	Performance Band	Silver	Stage Band(year 5 & 6 Jazz)	Gold	Band	Results	Junior Band	Gold	Intermediate Band	Gold	Senior Band	Gold	Performance Band	Bronze	Stage Band(year 5 & 6 Jazz)	Gold	
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		<p>where other Performance Bands competed.</p> <p>Performance Band & Stage band are performing at Cowan Public school on the 4th of September 2009.</p> <p>We are finalising the details for the Performance at the Opera House which will be held on the 14th of September 2009. Performance Band will be participating in this event.</p>	
9.	<p>Canteen Report Jo Pallas</p>	<p>We all warmly welcome Jenny Bowden's return to the canteen. She will be resuming her position Wednesdays & Fridays for the remainder of the term. Kate Paull will continue to work Thursdays until Jenny can return 3 days per week.</p> <p>We thank Kate Paull for her fantastic efforts in Jenny's absence.</p> <p>Fundraising - Term 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Winter Warmers Meal Deal (held 17th Aug) o Cup Cake Morning Tea (date to be confirmed in the next few weeks) <p>Bank Account is in the black - we will continue to fund raise to ensure canteen is available for Students and Staff at TPS.</p>	
10.	<p>Uniform Shop Report Jason Smylie</p>	<p>Jason introduced Max from <i>Dr Shoe</i> who has approached the school to sell school shoes. Max gave a short presentation. Currently sells in 30 schools. Goes to schools twice a term during Uniform Shop hours - make the uniform shop a 'one stop shop'. Also provide form fitting, has mobile shop and will come to your house for no extra cost. On site school sales 15% for home fitting 10% sales to the school. Has around 100 pairs of shoes in his mobile shop. No additional storage on site, no additional manpower, no cash outlet, just needs space. Manufactured in China at friend's factory. Price is attractive. Has positive feedback from his current clients - i.e. other schools in Sydney - provided testimonials from Willoughby Public, Wahroonga Public, Castle Hill Public and more. Michael Chanell asked for size of factory in China - around 200 labourers. Not fully automated. In each work station there is some automatic machinery. Max explained the width of Aussie kids feet so his shoes have been made with a wider dimension in the toes to accommodate. Archie asked for guarantee - 3-6 months. Max said no refund cases in 4 years of trading. Andrew asked if there were any other soles to the shoes - Max answered that they were PU soles, lightweight and durable. The same sole used by Clarks shoes. Meeting asked Jason going to call to check references before making a decision. Jason reported new hats will be here for Kindie Orientation Days in Term 4. Asked how long the crossover period will be? Ros replied that the new hat will be the only hat available for purchase from term 4 (with the exception of special caps). Students can wear 'old' hats as long as they are in reasonable condition. Crossovers usually take 12-18 months.</p>	
11.	<p>S.C.G. Sustainability Consultation Group Michael Chanell</p>	<p>See attached report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walking Bee - being investigated further 2. Recycling management system - if Ros can negotiate details with cleaners, then P&C has agreed to pay for one year trial \$840 (assuming school wants to do it and can finalise details). Voted on - all in approval. No 	

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		<p>against.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Ashley King’s doing a mock up of ‘Environmental Score Card’ to show how the water tanks save water. Ros says that no true figures available yet. 4. Julie Thiele looking into labelling of rare plants onsite in consultation with Craig Rich. 5. Bike racks - showed plans for suggested new racks. 29 existing bike racks. \$40 rough estimate per rack. \$1,600 exc.gst without installation for 40 bike racks. \$1,200 for 30 bike racks. It was suggested that a further 20 bike racks should be built next to existing bike racks. Michael will look into further details particularly on costing installation 6. Security lighting issue - has already been addressed. Faulty sensor has been fixed. 	
12.	General Business	None	
13.	New Business	<p>Ros gave an overview on a survey to be put to the TPS community in next newsletter on which language should be taught in future.</p> <p>Could apply for Federal Grant Proposal for teaching of Modern Chinese in the school & there is an application through DET for funding for French to be taught. All grants/applications would only cover part of the costs to ‘run’ these programs.</p> <p>PROPOSED</p> <p>Turrumurra Public School and P&C strongly believe that teaching children a second language is hugely beneficial and we plan on continuing to include it in the school curriculum. We welcome your input into a review of the language the students should learn.</p> <p>Which language do you want taught at TPS? (Please indicate only one)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRENCH or MODERN CHINESE/MANDARIN</p> <p>Any further comments.....</p> <p>Your response is voluntary and anonymous. Please put your form in the P&C box in either office by Friday 18th September.</p> <p>Question was asked re Kindie intake for 2010 because of numbers - Is school going to be able to grow to fit influx? Ros replied yes and explained for example the A-V room would be a classroom if needed. Also pick up current computer lab & also French room at end of existing library. Before we look to DET for demountables if needed.</p> <p>Also rubbish free day was suggested. Katrin explained it’s called a ‘nude lunch’ and the school addresses it regularly.</p> <p>Jason asked if he could ask for volunteers for uniform shop now in newsletter. Everyone agreed he should.</p>	
14.	Next Meeting	Tuesday 27 th October 7.30pm	
15.	Meeting Closed	9.32pm	

**TPS P&C Sustainability Consultative Group
2nd Report to the P&C meeting held on Tue 1st Sept. 2009**

The second meeting of the TPS P&C Sustainability Consultative Group was held on Wednesday night of the 26th August in the staffroom at the school. There were seven present, five members and two visiting parents interested in the walking-bus proposal, and with two member's apologies.

The meeting discussed the progress of the eight items listed in the 2009 environmental action plan and implementation schedule – enhanced waste recycling, environmental score card, educational labelling of native plants, investigating viability of a school walking bus, additional bicycle racks, security lighting automatic on off controls, environmental guiding principles and environmental design and construction opportunities for the proposed multifunctional sports court.

The progress for each item was as follows:

1. **Introduction of a 'Walking Bus':** Vivienne Reiner indicated that Anton Reich wanted to coordinated a working group to develop a practical proposal for introducing a walking bus to the next P&C meeting in Oct. Two parents attended the meeting to discuss the proposal and lend there support, both as future supervising parents and users of the service. Almost all present were interested in attending the working group meetings. Vivienne also mentions that she had five other e-mails expressing interest. Anton has many working models that can be reviewed from other schools which have had success in maintaining a 'Walking Bus'. It is proposed to start by providing the service for Kissing Point Road both south and north of the school for two or three days a week. It is important to provide continuity of service by using the same school approved supervising parents who could be identified by coloured tea-shirts or similar.
2. **Investigate enhancement of the waste management and recycling system:** The meeting agreed to start by proposing addition of four 240L mixed recycling bins at the school for mixed plastics, aluminium, steel and glass containers – at least for the school admin office, staff common room and canteen. Ku-ring-gai Council could provide the additional service outlined here for \$20 per week or and estimated \$840 per year.
3. **Developing a simple 'Environmental Score Card' for tracking improvements in environmental performance:** Ashley King would like to develop an example of practical score card based on other schools efforts and international examples. The key environmental performance indicators suggested were: waste avoidance and recycling; natural resource conservation (eg office paper use); water savings; and energy conservation. It was also suggested that water invoices for 12 months from the time of installation of the water tanks be collected to demonstrate the savings achieve by the school so far.
4. **Labelling of rare and native vegetation on the school grounds:** Julie Thiele will work with Craig Rich to produce some relevant wording for labels of key native plants and get back to SCG with a proposal for the next P&C meeting in Oct.
5. **Additional bicycle racks:** An initial estimate was obtained from a local manufacturer, MAC***RAC**, which each rack costing about \$40 (excl GST) with up to ten fixed together. It is recommended that 30 to 40 racks be purchased to support existing overflow and future demand. The racks can be installed by the manufacturer and bolted down for security. Funding options should be investigated to cover the estimated cost range of between \$1,200 and \$1,600 (excludes GST and installation). The latter option would cover 17% of the school population when including the 29 existing racks.
6. **Automatic on off controls for external building security lighting:** Vivienne will follow up with Ros next week to investigate the existing lighting controls. Vivienne was able to discuss the lighting with the General Assistant and the DET electrician will be contacted to repair the existing daylight sensor.
7. **Guiding Environmental Principles:** It was agreed to come back and address this item in 4th term. Develop an agreed set of guiding environmental principles for the school to promote sustainable management.
8. **Investigating opportunities for environmental design and construction of the multifunctional sports court:** As information was not available to scope this project no further action could be taken.

The meeting was very productive with healthy discussion and much support from the parents present.

Michael Chanell, Convenor, 31st August 2009