Canterbury Public School
P&C Meeting
Wednesday 10 November 2010

Present: Cheryl Robens, David Lewis, Melanie Bruniges, Paul Scouller, Sascha Jenkins, Suzanne Trimmer, David Taffa, Annabel Kain, Gina Nicolopoulos, Grace Sadiki, Marina Rizzo, Cheryl McCarthy.

Meeting opened: 7:45pm

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<th>Agenda Item</th>
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<td>Welcome, Meeting open</td>
<td>David Lewis opened the meeting</td>
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<td>Apologies</td>
<td>Lynne Scouller, Dawn Tuften, Nerida Chedra, Emma Indermaur</td>
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<td>Previous minutes</td>
<td>• 22 September minutes accepted, moved David Taffa, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Suzanne Trimmer.</td>
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<td>Correspondence</td>
<td>• General fundraising committee correspondence.</td>
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<td>• Commonwealth Bank School Banking statement</td>
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<td>• P&amp;C website option: need to form sub-committee to include Sascha, David Taffa and put out to the community to be included in next Canterbury Tales. Will report back to the P&amp;C. Mel to forward correspondence to David re websites.</td>
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<td>• Cancer Council free marquee offer – CPS to apply</td>
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<td>• Movie night promotion: Popup Cinema</td>
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<td>• Letter from Parents for Ethics, wanting to move motion targeting Verity Firth to bring in Ethics as an official part of the curriculum. Pass motion to support this? \textbf{NSW Minister of Education changes DET policy to allow secular classes to be taught at the same time as scripture. Moved by David Taffa, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Annabel.} Status of ethics classes? Trial successful, issue is that some scripture groups are concerned they will lose numbers. Legislation goes a long way back saying that all church groups have a right to do scripture 30mins per week. Children who elect to do non-scripture have no instruction. Delivery of ethics group is dependent on parents who are trained to run it. David Taffa commented that Arab Bank had St James Ethics centre in for educational purposes. St James Ethics Centre does a lot of work with organisations.</td>
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<td>Principal’s report:</td>
<td>• Appreciation of the partnership / support of the P&amp;C with executive / teachers through a difficult time, including transition day yesterday.</td>
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<td>Cheryl Robens</td>
<td>• Congratulations to the fete committee and all supporters.</td>
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<td>• Canterbury P.S. has been allocated a ‘Highly Accomplished Teacher’ (HAT) for 2011-2012. Allocated to low socio-economic status schools. National Partnership Reform Extension Initiative</td>
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and additional funding per student. Non-teaching position to lead professional learning around numeracy and literacy. Focus is on professional learning, modelling in the classroom, reciprocal teaching, best practice, links to Sydney University, Full-time position. There are a significant number of students with learning issues at the school, will help with this. $200 per student next year to focus on literacy and numeracy. $5k to do situational analysis before end of 2010. May need to collect additional data from community in form of surveys. Will spend $200 per student on professional learning, Interactive White Boards (IWBs). Schools in our area are nominated for this by the Regional Director.

- Preschool Growth Program, the school has been approached by Koorana who run a preschool in Belmore. They have special needs children at their preschools. Buildings would be DET assets. Prioritise students in the year before school. Would mean there would be Preschool to Year 12 on Canterbury site. Wilkins have a similar set up, Marrickville Council runs the preschool and, DET runs the school; they will have separate utilities, etc. Advantageous for all students to have a prior learning experience before starting school.
- Other organisations interested? Previous interest from Ashfield Infants Home
- Motion of support from the P&C by Grace, 2nd by Sascha. **P&C to write a letter of support for the preschool.**
- Conceptually P&C support the idea, but do want to look at other options for the space. Limited with 9:00 - 3:00 as not suitable for working parents. Koorana not started looking yet either.
- Motion of general support, pending further investigation.
- NAPLAN Data, Year 3, 2010.
- 38 students in year 3, 4 have Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Not terrific results, but good growth over the years.
- Numeracy? Being reported on by a different group, Don't have learning continuum for numeracy. If students can't read and comprehend questions, it will impact on how well they manage numeracy questions. The school is not teaching to the test. NAPLAN results will be in the annual school report. Shared results with 2 other principals and Rod M and they were impressed with the analysis of results.
- Can predict results.
- Is Cheryl able to get results for Year 7? Yes, will be able to access, these results look good. Last year's year 3 had outstanding results, knew they would perform like that.
- Performance growth next year 3-5, probably won't be as good.
- **Jellybeans** music survey results, 93% enjoy learning music at school, 7% said no. Majority of staff thought the program helped to cover the music part of their curriculum.
- School evaluation: need a parent rep on Tuesday afternoon for 30mins. Sascha? Will advise.
- Analysis of PDHPE review to come. Could you explain what it is next time? Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.
- Panel to advertise Ms Kilkeary’s position, will need parent reps for panel. NESBG (Non English Speaking Background) parent.
- Stage 3 camp, K-6 gymnastics, term 1
- PSSA: CPS to be involved in 2011 for winter sport. Looking for parent commitment to support.

**Treasurers Report**
David Lewis

- Avail funds P&C Account: over $20k, $5k in music account.
- Great year for fundraising: Trivia night, fete, supported Jellybeans, IWBs.

**Music committee report**
David Lewis

- Committee met, will be holding a Rock Camp Saturday 28 November.
- Guitars involved as well as drums, bass players, keyboard players, singers...
- Same format as 1st band camp, teach kids for 1 hour, put into bands for 1 hours and then do a performance. Expression of interest in today’s Canterbury Tales. If can’t make the day, still want to know if are interested. Busy getting tutors for the day, singing and guitar.
- School Band playing on Sunday at Burwood Girls High if there are enough people to attend. Only 7 responded so far.
- Choir sang at Kindergarten orientation and band played.
- Decided no longer going to use Music Corp so don’t have to carry liability for instruments.
- Band recruitment evening 17 November, different options for parents in terms of rental. Violin lessons are being offered from kindergarten upwards; students need to be minimum 8 years old for wind or brass instruments.

**Canteen committee report**
Melanie Bruniges

- Minutes from recent meeting were reported.
- The new summer menu was included in the last Canterbury Tales. Play Water will no longer be sold in 2011. Pies sausage rolls and noodles will not be included in the menu. Soft drinks stocked for teaching staff will be stored out of view of students.
- Requesting funds from the P&C for an apple slinky and popcorn maker, will come back to the next meeting with pricing.
- Volunteers: have asked parents in the school community if they would like to volunteer in the canteen. Only 1 response so far.
- Aim to remove security grills to enable cross ventilation as canteen is very hot in Summer.
- Any Red Days are at the discretion of the principal and occurs once a term. A Red Day is when high sugar / high fat foods can be sold at the canteen.

**Fundraising committee**
Sascha Jenkins

- Elissa resigned as fundraising chair, if any loose ends, Elissa will finish up. Folder with fete procedures in filing cabinet as well as what worked and what didn’t from stallholders. Rides have been closed off and all money has been paid.
- Gift for Elissa, will be given as she is absent from the meeting.
- Idea of movie night, could be pursued next year.
- Election March next year cake stall and BBQ, Lynne Murray to co-ordinate volunteers for the day.
- Nominations for chair of fundraising committee? Open it up to the rest of the P&C at the next meeting.
- Expenditure of P&C funds: Sascha would like 2 x IWBs, need another 6. Good to have an immediate result to put back to the community, teachers want this, would be a big show of support from the P&C, way teaching is moving, lots of curriculum support materials.
- Possibility of having a music tutor would be paid $3k per term for 1-2 terms, 1.5 days per week. Tailored for teacher and class needs.
- Costa garden project, funding towards that? Focus on kids with high sensory needs.
- Do we need cricket nets? Netball & basketball hoops. DET money.
- **Suzanne moved, Sascha 2nd**: Support for 2 x IWBs.
- **Cheryl moved, Annabel 2nd term of whole school music tutor**.
- Review outdoor equipment once we know what we’re getting. Gardening committee want approx $500.
- Marina to chair committee to organise speakers: children’s writers, drama, musical performances, indigenous speakers. Marina to move, Grace 2nd. Voted, all in favour, carried.

**Other business**

- P&C storeroom: can it be moved to use current one for PE storeroom? Sascha and Mel will have a look and advise.
- Chess on this term? Yes. Could there be an announcement in the morning to remind students? Yes.

**Meetings for Term 3**

- Week 9, 8 December, 7:30pm

**Meeting concluded** 9:50pm