



Middle Harbour Public School Parents and Citizens Association

Minutes – P&C Meeting Term 4, week 8

Attendees: Julia Rogers, Melinda White, Andrea Voight, Kim Thomas, Cath Baker

Apologies: Sejal Mcnicoll, Dana Lightbody. Belinda Wilkinson

	Assigned	Action
Adopt previous minutes from Week 3, Term 4 2023 meeting		Approved
<p>Principals report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thankyou to P&C and all of the people who volunteered to make the Fete a complete success ● was hard process to work through the parent celebration area but was worth it. ● Know kids really enjoyed the inflatables ● Acknowledge and thank Chanel for the work she did as president for that time as Laura wasn't at the AGM ● Also thanking Joy Renauf, Lauren Kenny for taking the role on while she was on study tour ● Study tour: focus was on mathematics teaching and bias <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ made her thankful ● End of year events = alot happening: year 6 farewell, mini fete, graduation assembly. Kindy went to Sarah and Pavan - loved it. Kindy select kids went to the Manors on Monday to sing. they want to continue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-2 beach carnival on Thursday ● Moved to one celebration of learning along with year 6 graduation. With the weather if its dry they hold outside and everyone attends. If the weather is wet they 'll do just year 5 and 6 in the hall. ● Multitude of forms of communication has been a bug-bear for a while for both school and parents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All schools have been asked to choose a 3rd party software ○ moving to a platform called Hero next year. Will mean they can eliminate 5 apps. ○ Sentral, Seesaw, Audiri, School interviews will go. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hero provides all the forms of communication in one. ○ interface is app and desktop ○ users (parents who subscribe to app) choose how they are communicated with - app notifications or email. ○ There's a staff channel/ community feed - school can choose who to feed to/ ○ reads like a social media platform (thats how it looks on a device) ○ Its a NZ based company. Just come to Australia for 12 months. ○ its a one way push platform. Department approved. ○ Rewards and acknowledgement will be on the platform/ recognised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kids feedback on survey > 82% of kids said what they wanted as a reward was a game outside. Just want teacher to recognise they did something nice. <p><u>Staff changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carole is retiring in 2024: been a teacher for 40 years in public education and with MHPS for 17 years. Everyone is very sad. Acknowledge and thank deeply for all her care and support over the years. ● There won't be a Deputy Principal replacement. Executive AP's will have to support the principal ● Numbers for 2024 are similar to the end of this year > 1 class down / kindly up slightly. ⅔ of leavers are moving to QLD. ● We're sitting in our buffer zone in terms of enrolment. Can't accept any out of areas when we are in the buffer zone. <p><u>Final</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● wanted to thank P&C for financial support this year ● trying to move to a model where the kids get a 1:1 personal laptop each in year 3 and ● buddy benches have been ordered. Have a flower design. ● year 6 mini fete money will go towards a table tennis table. Will be a permanent fixture. Hoping to top up with P&C final installment. <p>Capital works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roof: laying of tiles has been pretty quick. Work slows down when there's a heritage check. Roof finished end of Jan and internal works after that. ● Treehouse: is still a constant struggle. Don't have a project manager 		
<p>President report:</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is Carole’s last P&C meeting. Thanked Carole from the bottom of our hearts for her service to the school and the kids. Carole will be sorely missed and is irreplaceable. 		
<p>Financial report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shout out to Chanel for picking up and running with the events this year as well as all the volunteers • End of this financial year we tend to have a celebration for P&C but the committee is pretty worn out from all the events and kids cottage integration. • Will be planning events for 2024 soon. • <u>Fete</u>: early estimates are we made \$20k. Given the idea was to have a community event that's pretty cool. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dots and Gozleme guys were very easy to deal with ○ Thankyou to everyone who pulled in ○ Would have to be wednesday next week at earliest. Thursday next week lunchtime - 12:45pm 		
<p>Sub-committee reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - taken as read from reports circulated and attached 		
<p>Other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant roles: Scholastic books + VP - Events + Band coordinator • Grades are getting smaller: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindy = 4 classes ○ 3 classes in earlier years ○ 2 classes in upper grades ○ could potentially move to grade parents ○ year 5 and 6 will have very large classes - only 2 classes each ○ year 3 and 4 will have 5 classes for stage ○ Because we’re in a high socio economic area we don’t get equity funding. Budget cuts are coming from ○ Laura used to have alot more freedom to play with 		
<p>Next meeting week 3, term 1 2024 but exact date to be advised due to needing to coincide with parent meet and greet</p>		

Signed Secretary of P&C
Melinda White

Signed President of P&C
Dana Lightbody