

DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Meeting 22 September 2008

Present

Janet Pettigrew (President), Sharon Dixon (Vice President), Samantha Maddern (Secretary), Jeanette Metcalf (Principal), Greg Downes (Vice Principal), Suzanne Croston, Simon Higgins, Jo Marwick, Carol Pickering, Dan Rodgers, Katrina Tap, Sally Tyers, Liza Harvey (newly elected Member for Scarborough)

1 Apologies

R Attwell, I Dixon, B Johnson, K Ireland, T Johnson, C Parker, R Parker, K Woolford

2 Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting 25 August 2008

Moved by S Dixon, seconded by K Tap that the minutes of the General Meeting held 25 August 2008 is a true and accurate record of proceedings. **Carried.**

3 Correspondence

J Taylor not shortlisted for teachers' award.

4 Principal's Report

Refer to the **attached** report. (If viewing minutes by e-mail, please refer to attachments on P&C website www.deanmorepandc.org.au) The following is a summary:

- 4.1 **NAPLAN results for Years 3, 5 and 7** – results distributed to parents; only one part of student assessment; if you want to know how your child is doing, see their teacher.
- 4.2 **Principal's office** – will be upgraded slightly, thanks to J Pettigrew.
- 4.3 **New School Committee** – Parents wishing to join this committee, to work with Sue Swenson Senior Project Officer Capital Programs Branch, should let J Metcalf know. J Marwick and J Pettigrew have already agreed to join. S Higgins should also consider joining.

5 New school for Deanmore

L Harvey confirmed that the change of Government will make no difference to Deanmore's future. Funds for the new school were allocated and approved prior to the election being called. The new Minister for Education is Liz Constable. L Harvey to follow her up. Architect is expected to be appointed in early October by DET.

6 Treasurer's Report and allocation of funds

See **attached** report. It states there is \$9,761.32 in the P&C account available to be allocated. Spellathon raised \$5,669.75. No funds required to be allocated tonight.

The school has four new electronic whiteboards on order – one paid for by P&C; and the school has bought two and got one free. Consider funding for music program and setting aside funds for new school at future meetings.

7 Matters arising from previous Minutes

- 7.1 **Flowers for staff member** – at last meeting, P&C agreed to buy flowers for ill staff member. However, S Maddern explained that, as this is probably not within P&C

Constitution, it did not happen. General discussion then ensued re appropriate way of thanking staff/parents/others who contribute to the school. It was decided that it would be appropriate to send such persons a card. (As luck would have it, in the bundle of books for sale in the staffroom was a box of 25 handmade gift cards for \$20. So S Maddern and J Pettigrew decided P&C should buy them to have on hand. S Dixon then sent card to Jeb to thank her for her donation of fantastic Thai food for the sports carnival; S Maddern sent get well card to Tina Magatelli.)

- 7.2 Cleaning of undercover area with high pressure hose** – G Downes reported that this is done during school holidays only because cleaning staff don't have time to do it during term. If it is required more frequently, can be looked into.

8 Matters arising from Subcommittees

- 8.1 Fundraising** – Carols on school oval in December; calendars featuring children's artwork in Term 4. Wall-E movie night successful with 265 tickets sold.

9 General Business

- 9.1 Senior buddy/mentor program for new students** – to assist new students (especially those arriving in Terms 2, 3 or 4) it would be good if they had a senior buddy or mentor they could go to if they felt the need – staff to consider this proposal; would also be helpful if teacher lets class fundraising rep know of a new student to foster parental and student bonding (where practicable).
- 9.2 New school pre-planning** – New School Committee should consider how to make our new school as environmentally friendly as possible eg solar pergolas; Committee should also consider what we might need to fund in 2011 so we can start to set aside funds now eg air con.
- 9.3 School assemblies** – can we thank the traditional owners of the land at the commencement of each assembly? would have to be done by most senior school rep – Principal; good idea but only if children are first educated about why we are doing this.
- 9.4 Ivory Coast school project** – needs to be completed by end of the week; J Pettigrew to assist J Metcalf and staff.
- 9.5 After-school programs co-ordinator** – D Rodgers says he needs an assistant to help him run the after-school programs he so brilliantly organises because he simply can't do everything. Conditions of funding and his duty of care demand this. After much discussion the following was agreed – in the forms sent home to parents requesting permission for their child to attend an after-school program, Dan will ask parents to nominate if they can assist in preparing food for the children on a Monday, Wed or Thurs. (This will involve going to the canteen at about 3.00pm to cut up fruit and make vegemite sandwiches – that's all. Supplying healthy food is a condition of funding.) Those parents who indicate they could help will then be contacted by the P&C to co-ordinate their attendance which shouldn't be every week if we get enough volunteers. G Downes will contact ECU to see if there is a student who would be willing to be Dan's assistant. If any parents know someone who might be interested, please contact Dan directly. It would be a paid position. There will be cricket and basketball in Term 4.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

Next meeting: Monday 27 October 2008, 7.30pm in the Staff Room

Summary of items requiring action

- 4.3 All** – advise J Metcalf if interested in joining New School Committee
- 9.5 All** – consider volunteering to prepare healthy snacks for kids participating in after-school programs