

DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Meeting 24 September 2007

Present

Michelle Stewart (President), Sharon Dixon (Vice President), Jeannie Metcalf (Principal), Samantha Maddern (Secretary), Kelly Backshall, Dee Bradshaw, Kristin Clapé, Suzanne Croston, Craig Greaves, Simon Higgins, Bruce Johnson, Raelene Lovick, Gemma Papadopoff, Carol Pickering, Dina Ponosh, Stephen Pritchard, Katrina Tap, Jo Wilkinson.

1 Apologies

R Attwell, J Bradjic, T Johnson, C Parker, R Parker, D Rodgers, K Woolford

2 Acceptance of Minutes of 27 August 2007

Moved by G Papadopoff, seconded by M Stewart that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 27 August 2007 is a true and accurate record of proceedings. **Carried.**

3 Correspondence

- S Dixon has rec'd \$150 gift voucher from the Witches' Cauldron and \$50 gift voucher from the Olive Tree for the fete as well as other passes
- Correspondence re applying for a grant for the fete also rec'd
- Correspondence re World Teachers' Day 26 October

4 Principal's Report

See **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 **Buildings** – 2 transportables are here to be occupied in Term 4; one is for Year 7 and the other can't be used for the Music Room because too impractical so a teacher needs to 'volunteer' to move into the transportable so his/her classroom can be used as a music room which would make Jenny O very happy indeed; there is now a 'Buildings Log' which provides info on where the asbestos in our school is situated so any person coming onto site to perform work is made aware of the location of asbestos (bearing in mind that asbestos is NOT hazardous unless broken or disturbed).
- 4.2 **Staffing 2008** – classes for 2008 are being formed; there will be composite classes; Jeannie will provide further info to parents re composite classes and the benefits thereof in Term 4.
- 4.3 **Fees and charges** – some teachers prefer to select text books at the beginning of the school year so they can pick the most appropriate book; this will mean some book fees will be payable in Term 1 2008 as they won't appear on the book lists distributed at the end of this year.

5 Treasurer's Report

See **attached** report. It states there is \$2,686.00 in the P&C account available to be allocated. However, the \$1,650 allocated for hand dryers for toilets will not be required and the \$1,500 allocated to library curtains will be significantly less than this. At the

request of S Dixon, no funds allocated towards Wish List items so we have sufficient reserves to cover up front costs for November fete.

6 Matters arising from previous Minutes

- 6.1 **Blowers for toilets** – no longer required as paper towels and dispensers in place; thank you to Simon Higgins for ordering blowers; Simon to advise supplier that they are no longer required.
- 6.2 **Playground busy bee** – Forpark will install swings (once site cleared by Ivan Dixon) and then we need to build retaining walls and provide sand. Busy bee for this likely to be 13-14 October. We need about 8 Ivan Dixons or 10-12 reasonably able-bodied men to assist. All men who volunteered at Dads' Drinks last Friday night are expected to appear – contact Ivan if you're not sure who you are! Limestone blocks have been donated by BGC which equates to a saving of over \$6,000. Fantastic effort, Sharon!
- 6.3 **Library curtains/blinds** – S Higgins and B Johnson to attend to installation of curtains donated by the Higgins family. Can two men successfully install curtains? TBA.
- 6.4 **Internet safety for children** – J Metcalf to follow up Jeanette Hasleby from DET to arrange for a presentation in Term 4 by Cyber Detectives to Year 5/6/7 students.
- 6.5 **Road safety prizes** - \$100 to be spent on prizes for kids on Walk to School Day (7 Nov). Any ideas, please pass them onto Robyn Attwell.

7 Matters arising from Subcommittee reports

- 7.1 **Bulletin** – deadline for next issue: Sunday 21 October.
- 7.2 **Fete** – commencing week 1 Term 4 a fete newsletter will be sent home each week; it will, among other things, advise what donations are required; still looking for fete sponsors and prizes to be donated; issues re power supply to be resolved; transportable is a possible venue for Art work display; advertising sources and advertising budget to be determined.
- 7.3 **Building and Grounds** – we are now compiling all the info we have collected over the past 18 mths to provide an executive summary for the Minister prior to inviting him to attend Deanmore to see the state of our buildings first hand.

8 General Business

Dina Ponosh and Michele Wells – either or both of these two fantastic teachers may leave Deanmore at the end of this year; the P&C committee members have been inundated with phone calls, e-mails and representations from parents asking what we can do to persuade Dina and Michele to stay. Regrettably, we must respect their wishes and allow them to decide where their futures lie. They know how highly valued and treasured they are by Deanmore parents and students alike and Dina, who attended the meeting (Michele is absent on LSL) expressed her thanks to the Deanmore community for their heartfelt and sincere good wishes.

Meeting closed 8.20pm.

Next meeting: Monday 29 October 2007, 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Summary of items requiring action

- 6.4 **J Metcalf** – contact Jeanette Hasleby of DET to arrange safety on the internet presentation for students
- 6.5 **R Attwell** – allocate \$100 as road safety prizes for distribution to children on ‘Walk to School Day’