

DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Meeting 27 August 2007

Present

Michelle Stewart (President), Sharon Dixon (Vice President), Jeannie Metcalf (Principal), Samantha Maddern (Secretary), Kim Woolford (Canteen Treasurer), Robyn Attwell, Kristin Clapé, Suzanne Croston, Simon Higgins, Bruce Johnson, Raelene Lovick, Janet Pettigrew, Carol Pickering, Dan Rodgers, Rachel Smith, Julie Squance, Katrina Tap, Sally Tyers.

1 Apologies

D Atkinson, K Backshall, C Greaves, K Ireland, T Johnson, C Parker, R Parker, G Roberts

2 Acceptance of Minutes of 30 July 2007

Moved by B Johnson, seconded by K Tap that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 30 July 2007 is a true and accurate record of proceedings. **Carried.**

3 Correspondence

- Letter from Director-General to Ivan Dixon
- E-mails to/from Michelle Stewart and Ken Travers' office
- Sharon Dixon letter to nominate Dan Rodgers for Teachers Award

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** – 24 August meeting at school btw various DET reps, staff and P&C reps – very positive step forward; DET will close the Year 7 classroom and the Music Room immediately and provide two demountables; DET officers made aware of our gross dissatisfaction with band-aid solutions provided to date and delay in obtaining Dr Heike's report (which is now available to all parents via Jeannie); next step is to get Minister McGowan here to inspect the school first hand; all computers will go into classrooms; possibility that Southern wing will be demolished; Simon Higgins to be formal member of B&G Committee; need to stay positive and united in our efforts to fix the school buildings.
- 4.2 **Kindy 2008** – above has implications for Kindy as a new Early Learning Centre was to have been established on site; now however the lease with Stirling Council may be renewed as no point in relocating Kindy when the future of the Southern wing is unknown; there are 44 enrolments for Kindy in 2008.
- 4.3 **Julie Bishop MP** – Federal Education Minister visited Deanmore on 23 August to hear choir perform her song "*Life is a song*"; the choir gave a truly masterful performance but unfortunately not many parents were on hand to witness it given the time and short notice; an encore performance will be held this Thursday 30 August and at the next assembly; congratulations to the students and also to Deanmore's Music Teacher Jenny O'Donoghue who did an amazing job.
- 4.4 **Student hygiene** – soap dispensers how have soap; blowers for drying hands an option subject to P&C views – refer item 5.3 below
- 4.5 **School funding** – Deanmore not eligible for many grants because we are 'too wealthy'; we did not get a grant for Science Day but it was a great success anyway with the children creating many masterpieces out of their coloured ice; submissions for

grants are very time consuming so any assistance from parents would be greatly appreciated.

- 4.6 **2008 Staffing** – Dan Rodgers, Clint Holland and Jeanette Taylor have all been offered (and accepted) a fixed term contract for 2008 so we won't have our usual farewell to Jeanette at this year's final assembly; we may lose a couple of long term teachers looking for a change but will have the services of both Shelley Jenkinson and Jo Hassan-Raiyat next year; Relief Registrar Marion Tuck will leave this week – thank you for your wonderful efforts.

5 Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 See **attached** report. There is \$2,963.10 in the P&C account available to be allocated. Skipathon funds rec'd to date \$1,493.50; entertainment books \$1032 profit to date; and the Safety House Lolly Raffle raised \$83 (up from \$60 last year!).
- 5.2 Sharon Dixon has reminded us that we will be selling "drink coolers" not stubby holders (despite them looking suspiciously like the aforesaid item). Sharon also managed to obtain them for a lot less than was originally envisaged.
- 5.3 Simon Higgins obtained quotes for dryers for the toilets – best option those with push buttons at \$330 each as they are more sturdy. Agreed that P&C will fund purchase of 5 blowers and school to arrange/pay for installation. **Moved by B Johnson, seconded by K Woolford** that P&C contribute \$1,650 to purchase 5 dryers for the toilets. **Carried**

6 Matters arising from previous Minutes

- 6.1 **Playground update** – Sharon Dixon confirmed that costings for blocks and sandpit will be reduced by approx \$5,000 if we buy them ourselves and hold a busy bee. Possibility that we might even get the limestone blocks donated. We will need to hold the busy bee in mid-late September. Will need 8 helpers for one day.
- 6.2 **Hygiene** – refer to 5.3 above.
- 6.3 **Library curtains/blinds** – TBA (a work in progress). S Higgins to contact C Parker.

7 Matters arising from Subcommittee reports

- 7.1 **Bulletin** – deadline for next issue: Sunday 9 September.
- 7.2 **Canteen Treasurer** – see attached report. Canteen Mgr's wage not to be increased at this time but we will revisit this issue in Term 4. Profit to end of July is \$197.

8 General Business

- 8.1 **Proceeds of school fete** – Sharon Dixon would like ideas on what to spend the fete profits on – shade cloths; electronic smart board and/or other learning technologies; enlarge undercover area; transportable stage or platform for student performances; better sound system; plant beautification were all suggested. Other ideas? Please forward to Sharon so we can let fete attendees know what the money will fund.
- 8.2 **Kindy relocation in 2008** – Rachel, Julie and Suzanne attended the meeting specifically to raise concerns about the foreshadowed relocation of Kindy from Blair St to the school. In light of recent developments (see 4.1 and 4.2) the move now looks unlikely but their views were noted. Many parents have very strong feelings about retaining a separate Kindy but DET 'policy' is for all K – 7 students to be located at same site for safety reasons, networking and communication reasons and because they say so. So let's watch this space on that one!

- 8.3 **Walk to school day** – Robyn Attwell noted that the next WSD will be on Wednesday 7 November and we want as many walkers as possible. The Walking School Bus is continuing and proving to be very successful. A big thank you to the “group escorts” for the West route who have all undertaken training – Robyn, Kelly Backshall, Maria Jones, Jo Porter-Wilkinson, Gemma Roberts, Raelene Lovick and Colleen Walker.
- 8.4 **WACSSO Conference** – Samantha Maddern attended part of the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Annual Conference on 18 August 2007. Refer to attached Report for details of presentations by the Premier Alan Carpenter, Minister Mark McGowan, a DET spokesperson on safety on the internet and the “Choose Respect” initiative which is gaining ground in many WA schools and communities. Samantha will draft an article for the Bulletin on the internet presentation. It was agreed that we would like the WA cybersmart detectives to come to Deanmore to give the presentation (mentioned by DET during their presentation) to Year 6&7 students on keeping safe on the internet. It may also be appropriate for Year 5 students. Jeannie Metcalf to contact Jeanette Hasleby of DET to arrange this ASAP and to determine whether students below Year 6 can attend and whether parents can/should also attend.
- 8.5 **Road safety prizes** –Stirling councillors Bill Stewart and Kathryn Thomas have \$100 to give away as prizes; Robyn Attwell to follow this up directly.
- 8.6 **Blue Earth** – Dan Rodgers again emphasised the incredible benefits this program provides for our students including new and innovative learning opportunities even for students who are rather disinclined towards physical activity; a Blue Earth Day is to be arranged and Dan would like a Parents Team; the P&C is sure this can be arranged but can we also have a Teachers Team???
- 8.7 **Milo have-a-go cricket** – as per the notices that have already gone out, this will be held after school on *Wednesdays* during Term 4 for PP-3 students.

Meeting closed 9.12pm.

Next meeting: Monday 24 September 2007, 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Summary of items requiring action

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| 5.3 | S Higgins – arrange purchase of 5 blowers for toilets |
| 6.1 | S Dixon – confirm date for the busy bee for the sand pit and retaining walls |
| 6.3 | S Higgins – liaise with Claire Parker re curtains/blinds for library |
| 8.4 | J Metcalf – contact Jeanette Hasleby of DET to arrange safety on the internet presentation for students |
| 8.5 | R Attwell – road safety prizes: follow up Councillors |