

# DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION INC

## Minutes of Meeting 28 July 2008

### Present

Janet Pettigrew (President), Sharon Dixon (Vice President), Jeannie Metcalf (Principal), Greg Downes (Vice Principal), Samantha Maddern (Secretary), Debbie Atkinson, Kelly Backshall, Kris Clapé, Suzanne Croston, Lisa Dunstan, Liza Harvey, Bruce Johnson, Raelene Lovick, Jo Marwick, Ross Parker, Carol Pickering, Dan Rodgers, Sally Tyers, Jo Wilkinson, Kim Woolford.

### 1 Apologies

R Attwell, J Brajdic, S Higgins, C Parker, M Stewart, K Tap

### 2 Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting 30 June 2008

**Moved by S Dixon, seconded by J Pettigrew** that the minutes of the General Meeting held 30 June 2008 is a true and accurate record of proceedings. **Carried.**

### 3 Correspondence

J Pettigrew provided a summary of the meeting with the Minister for Education and Training at the school on 22 July, also attended by DET reps, Ken Travers, Mel Parr, Scott Blackwell, J Metcalf and G Downes. The meeting was in response to a letter sent by S Blackwell (Labor candidate for Scarborough) to the Minister. The Minister asked – what does Deanmore want? Answer: a new school. Three options were then discussed regarding how this would be done logistically. Preferred option: build new school on the oval (near Deanmore Road), then demolish old school during holiday period. This would involve least disruption to staff and students.

Minister said he would talk to the Premier and would be in touch soon. He did not make any promise or guarantee about a new school and did not even mention a time line, but he did create a very 'positive expectation' (in contrast to his last visit to the school) that we would indeed get a new school. We need this commitment on the record.

Liza Harvey (Lib candidate for Scarborough) mentioned the Libs' new policy – Private Public Partnerships under which the Libs (if they win) would build 10 new schools in its first term. This involves a company building the school and then leasing it back to the Govt for 30 years and taking on a 30 year maintenance contract. At the end of the term the school reverts to the Govt if in a suitable state. This policy was recently launched outside Deanmore, by the Shadow Minister, Peter Collier, illustrating his firm commitment to our school.

J Pettigrew to provide update to general community via bulletin and draft form letters for parents to send to the Minister and will write separately to the Premier and Shadow Minister. We want a firm commitment that Deanmore will get a new school and a good start would be confirmation that money has been set aside in the budget estimates. Please encourage all parents to write to the Minister.

### 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](http://www.deanmorepandc.org.au)) The following is a summary:

- 6.1 **P&C Wish list** – has been updated.
- 6.2 **Enrolments** – up again, at all levels – a testament that, despite the state of our buildings, Deanmore is a premier school.
- 6.3 **Cleaning staff** – vacancies filled by very capable people.

- 6.4 **Athletics carnival** – Dan Rodgers has guaranteed Deanmore will have a crack tunnel ball team and that all children have been well drilled about rules and requirements; Deanmore has entered the interschool cross-country.
- 6.5 **Deanmore walk** – to be organised by R Attwell and J Metcalf for early Term 4 during 'Walk Week'; aim to involve all students and parents on a walk thru local bushland.
- 6.6 **Staff** – Carol Griffiths taking LSL later in Term 3.
- 6.7 **Dockers visit** – AFL players coming to Deanmore this week to talk about leadership and performance at school carnivals.
- 6.8 **Graduation assembly** – 12 December – more focus on the Year 7's this year would be nice but it's up to the kids and what they want. J Metcalf to discuss with C Holland.

## 5 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.

**Moved by J Pettigrew, seconded by S Dixon** that the P&C contribute \$9,500 to the following items. **Carried.**

- \$5,500 Second interactive white board (probably to be placed in Year 2 classroom)
- \$ 500 Spelling resources
- \$1,500 Dictionaries and atlases
- \$1,500 video camera and ten digital cameras
- \$ 500 upgrade silk screening and printing equipment

\$9,500 TOTAL

## 6 Matters arising from previous Minutes

**Grants:** S Maddern followed up with registering Deanmore on the relevant website to obtain a list of available grants. \$45 pa gives us copies of monthly newsletters listing all possible grants and other information. But very detailed and there are other useful publications which could be purchased. No point committing to expenditure if we don't have someone to follow up. To be discussed by sub-committee comprising S Maddern, J Pettigrew, R Attwell, K Woolford and G Downes at a date to be fixed.

## 7 Matters arising from Subcommittees

- 7.1 **Fundraising** – Bunnings sausage sizzle was very successfully run by the kindy and Year 1 classes last weekend but very difficult to obtain parent volunteers, esp from kindy classes. Should kindy be included? General consensus, yes, because they ultimately benefit from the money raised and good to get families involved early. Makes approx \$1400 over the weekend so worth doing. Spellathon scheduled for 21 August. Coffee van and cake stall to be held at sports carnivals. Fathers Day family movie night scheduled for Friday 19 September – to see 'Wall-E' at Warwick – all tickets to cost \$10.
- 7.2 **Safety House** – Safety house week 11-15 August; R Lovick looking for a few people to assist with minor tasks but lolly assistant's job already filled by daughter, Mia.
- 7.3 **Canteen** – we don't have enough volunteers for this term. Please make every effort to encourage all parents to volunteer at least once per year.

## 8 General Business

- 10.1 **Teachers' Awards** – it was agreed Jeanette Taylor would be a very worth nominee. But need someone to assist with preparing application which is quite detailed.

- 10.2 **Wine sales** – It was resolved that Deanmore PS will no longer raise funds via the sale of wine as, for a lot of effort, there is a relatively small return and a lot of admin time taken up in dealing with the flow on effect (no pun intended).

**Meeting closed 9.20pm.**

**Next meeting: Monday 25 August 2008, 7.30pm in the Staff Room**

**Summary of items requiring action**

3      **J Pettigrew** – draft letters