

DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Meeting 29 October 2007

Present

Sharon Dixon (Vice President), Jeannie Metcalf (Principal), Greg Downes (Vice Principal), Samantha Maddern (Secretary), Robyn Attwell, Jeanette Brajdic, Kristin Clapé, Suzanne Croston, Ivan Dixon, Craig Greaves, Simon Higgins, Bruce Johnson, Gemma Papadopoff, Ross Parker, Janet Pettigrew, Dina Ponosh, Dan Rodgers, Katrina Tap, Sally Tyers, Jo Wilkinson, K Woolford.

1 Apologies

K Blenkinsop, T Johnson, R Lovick, M Stewart

2 Acceptance of Minutes of 24 September 2007

Moved by K Woolford, seconded by S Dixon that, subject to noting that Greg Downes attended that meeting, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 27 August 2007 is a true and accurate record of proceedings. **Carried.**

3 Correspondence

Draft letter to the Minister re Buildings currently being circulated amongst P&C Committee members

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 **World Teachers Day 26 Oct** – celebrated in true Deanmore style.
- 4.2 **School Overview** – has been updated and is warm and fuzzy; to be approved by School Council.
- 4.3 **Yr 7 School camp** – a fabulous success; Clint Holland happy to run one again in 2008.
- 4.4 **School staffing** – Dina Ponosh has secured a position at Karrinyup PS – our loss is their gain; Michele Wells still hoping to obtain a transfer for 2008 but may be at Deanmore next year.
- 4.5 **Buildings and grounds** – blinds now installed in the library; Grade 3 class moved out of Rm 12 due to concerns about potential asbestos in ceiling and loose light fittings.

5 Treasurer's Report

See **attached** report. It states there is \$5,604.10 in the P&C account available to be allocated. However, please note the following:

- \$1,500 allocated to library curtains is not required at all
- of \$18,900 allocated to playground – only \$16,244.32 required, leaving a surplus of \$2,655.68
- .25 cents received from Ivan Dixon as membership sub
- **Moved by K tap, seconded by J Pettigrew** that P&C contribute \$300 towards the Awards. **Carried**
- \$300 requested from P&C for Yr 7 Graduation Folders: if possible this will be taken out of funds already allocated for Year 7 camp; if not possible P&C to consider next meeting.

6 Matters arising from previous Minutes

- 6.1 **Road safety prizes** – Councillor Stewart has provided \$100 and this will be spent on health and fitness related prizes for Walk to School Day (7 Nov). In Robyn Attwell's absence Caitlin Franklin will co-ordinate the day but other assistants are required to note down names of students walking to school. Dan Rodgers eagerly volunteered his services. Note: Dee will open the canteen for breakfast on this day.

7 Matters arising from Subcommittee reports

- 7.1 **Fete** – application for grants are in but we are unlikely to get the arts-related grant as we don't meet all criteria; hoping to get other \$2,000 grant which would pay for the rides; we need a couple of volunteers to man stalls; food and band organised and looking good; \$212 received to date for the Deanmore Cook Book; Sharon estimates she will need around \$5,000 up front to pay for various aspects of the fete.
- 7.2 **Building and Grounds** – letter to Minister to be finalised (add in latest developments re Rm 12) and sent this week. It provides a comprehensive summary of all the steps taken to date and all of the problems.
- 7.3 **Canteen** – see **attached** report from K Woolford

8 General Business

- 8.1 **Asbestos management** – see 4.5 above; Ivan suggested using a 'sniffer' to locate asbestos (whatever that means); asbestos register is up to date and needs to remain so.
- 8.2 **Internet safety** – Jeanette Brajdic took us through some of the steps taken by Jeanette and other staff to ensure our children know how to use the internet safely as well as further tools that are available such as Cybersmart Detectives; of the options available (presentation to Yr 6/7, on-line training for Yr 7 and DVDs for parents and children), it was resolved that a presentation would be the best option so Jeanette will follow this up and try to arrange for the presentation to be given in Term 4 (subject to availability).
- 8.3 **Departing Deanmore staff** – Sam Maddern suggested it would be a fitting way to farewell Deanmore staff who are leaving Deanmore this year by giving them a small gift when they are publicly farewelled at the end of year assembly; a suggestion of allocating up to \$200 in total for the purchase of an appropriate gift, card etc was generally accepted (to be formalised at the next meeting), this to be done during Michelle Stewart's address; Sam Maddern and Jo Wilkinson to arrange once confirmation of departees received from Jeannie.
- 8.4 **Sports Program** – Kim Woolford noted that our children did not do so well in the team sports at the interschool carnival (and this was not just because they had to pick up blue beanbags off blue dots) and suggested that perhaps we need to have additional practice or hold our carnival earlier or commence training earlier (eg like when the Fremantle Dockers begin training in November?); we pondered the big question: can Deanmore field a 'crack tunnel ball team?'; but then, as wise Mr R pointed out, the Blue Earth program is all about increasing enjoyment and participation levels not about winning (tho' it would be nice not to come last ALL the time); Jeannie stated that all children receive at least the required 2 hours per week of phys ed and most staff have completed the Fundamental Movement Principles; she also said staff can't really dedicate any more time than they already do to this and parental assistance with training/practices etc would be invaluable; more thought will need to be given to this issue next year – possible options include P&C funding for extra relief days for Mr R so he can locate, develop and lead a crack team to victory (or something along those lines). To be revisited in 2008 so stay tuned!

- 8.5 **P&C Committee Reps** – certain members of the Committee have indicated their intention not to stand for their positions next year (when all positions technically fall vacant). The next P&C Bulletin/s will let people know which positions are seeking an occupant. These include: President, Fundraising Co-ordinator/s and Safety House Co-ordinator. Please consider whether you would like to assume one of these roles and let Michelle Stewart or Sam Maddern know.

Meeting closed 9.10pm.

Next meeting: Monday 26 November 2007, 7.30pm in the Staff Room (last meeting for 2007).

Summary of items requiring action

- 8.2 **J Brajdic** –arrange internet safety presentation for Yr 6/7 students