

DEANMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Meeting 31 March 2008

Present

Janet Pettigrew (President), Sharon Dixon (Vice President), Jeannie Metcalf (Principal), Greg Downes (Vice Principal), Samantha Maddern (Secretary), Suzanne Croston, Lisa Dunstan, Ivan Dixon, Bruce Johnson, Jo Marwick, Claire Parker, Dan Rodgers, Katrina Tap, Sally Tyers, Jo Wilkinson, Kim Woolford.

1 Apologies

R Attwell, J Brajdic, S Higgins, T Johnson, R Parker, G Roberts, M Stewart

2 Matters arising from previous Minutes

Nil – all tasks completed

3 Acceptance of Minutes of AGM 25 February 2008

Moved by S Dixon, seconded by B Johnson that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 25 February 2008 is a true and accurate record of proceedings. **Carried.**

4 Correspondence

Letter from Sharyn O'Neil (DET) advising Deanmore NOT on the list of schools for capital works within the next four years but this list is allegedly revisited each year.

Letter from WACSSO seeking volunteer for State Council – any takers? If so, see Sam Maddern. WACSSO Annual Conference will be at the Burswood 16-17 August – it would be good for Deanmore to send along a couple of reps. If interested, contact Sam Maddern.

5 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:

- 5.1 **Buildings and Grounds** – DET will deliver reports this week to staff and School Council Reps on asbestos and mycological testing; Deanmore submitted a submission re capital works upgrade which involved an enormous amount of work - special thanks to Janet Pettigrew for her efforts and to the community for responding to Janet's request for information.
- 5.2 **Registrars** – School Registrars are rare, hard to keep and in great demand.
- 5.3 **Staff** – The number of teachers requesting to work part time is on the increase. For the remainder of 2008 Wanda Coad will work 3 days pw working with (hopefully) Jeanette Taylor; Joanne Hassan-Raiyat and Tracy Wacker will work 4 days pw.
- 5.4 **Bullying** – Jeannie and Greg react swiftly and consistently to any reports or allegations of bullying – bullying is simply not tolerated at Deanmore; more recently we have seen instances of teasing which is also deemed to be unacceptable behavior when it gets out of hand. Everyone should seek to reinforce the message that Deanmore is a bully-free zone!

6 Treasurer's Report and allocation of funds

See **attached** report. It states there is \$9,633.91 in the P&C account available to be allocated. The accounts are currently being audited.

Moved by B Johnson, seconded by K Woolford that \$300 be made available for the purchase of netball equipment.

Moved by J Pettigrew, seconded by S Dixon that the two whiteboards purchased for Carol Griffiths' classroom in 2007 be paid for by the P&C. **Carried**.

At the previous P&C meeting the P&C agreed to contribute \$5,000 towards the leasing of 20 computers. This is a four year lease and the school cannot commit to a four year lease unless the P&C also commits to providing its co-contribution of \$5,000 for four years. The P&C unanimously agreed that this commitment should be given. It was also agreed that until such time as we accumulate the \$5,000 required for 2009, approximately 50% of funds raised in 2008 for each fundraising event (no matter how small) should be allocated towards this objective (unless otherwise agreed).

Moved by S Dixon, seconded by S Maddern that \$2,350 be allocated towards the 2009 contribution for computer leases (comprising \$2,000 plus \$350 from the Easter raffle proceeds). **Carried**

Jeannie to speak to teaching staff to update 'wish list' for 2008.

Claire again raised the question of what to do with profits made from secondhand uniform shop. As previously discussed and agreed, all such profits should be put towards purchasing Deanmore school blazers for students until such time as either we acquire enough blazers or a better use of funds is found and agreed to by the P&C.

7 Matters arising from Subcommittees

- 7.1 **School buildings** – Janet Pettigrew stated still receiving invaluable assistance from Joondalup MLC Ken Travers in relation to this issue; Scarb Ratepayers Assoc has also volunteered its assistance; the pit in room 4 has been filled in with concrete and the drains have been decommissioned; apparently once the window frames are put in and carpet installed the room will be OK to move into – naturally children and teachers are already queuing to be the first to occupy that room(!); there has been a new report re asbestos in the library and the mycol report has found that there are no toxic levels of bacteria or mould in the school.
- 7.2 **Fundraising** – the Easter raffle was successful raising over \$700; family portraits to be done at Kindy on Saturday 5 April; Ross Parker has set up the AFL footy tipping comp with 33 entrants.
- 7.3 **Website** – Ross has also renewed our domain name for a further two years at a cost of \$29 which Ross had kindly donated – thank you very much Ross for keeping Deanmore's website so amazing; Jeannie noted that Deanmore has a new Year 3 student solely because her parents were so impressed with the Deanmore website.

8 General Business

- 8.1 **Grant applications** – there is a lot of money out there by way of grants for which Deanmore is eligible; it would be wonderful if one or more persons could volunteer to a) search for these grants and/or b) prepare applications for such grants eg City Beach PS recently obtained a \$5,000 grant from Woolworths for sporting equipment; someone mentioned Kerrine Blenkinsop as a person who would be ideally suited to take on this role – Kerrine???

- 8.2 **Playground co-ordinator** – Craig Greaves is no longer able to undertake this role, however, given the completion of the major upgrade project, there is no real need to have a single dedicated person in this role. Thank you Craig for your assistance over the past few years.
- 8.3 **Donations to individuals** – there was a suggestion that the P&C could donate a small sum to “Tara’s benefit”. Unfortunately, it is not within the P&C’s constitution to make any donation to any individual parent, child or family no matter how worthy the cause. It was agreed that there are many other ways of providing support to members of the Deanmore community in need of assistance, such as the benefit held at the Innaloo Sportsmens’ Club last Sunday evening which was supported by dozens of Deanmore families and raised around \$3,500. The P&C will always consider requests for assistance but direct donations are impermissible.
- 8.4 **Uniforms** – Claire has sourced an amazing, incredible, attractive polar fleece long sleeved jacket for the bargain price of \$26.50 in lieu of the current shiny jackets that cost around \$40. So there was unanimous support for shifting to this option for this winter. Thank you Claire. Sharon Dixon mentioned the option of rain jackets which cover the kids and their backpacks and cost around \$15. Not sure how popular these would be given many kids’ (read, boys’) penchant for wandering around IN the rain rather than seeking to avoid it.
- 8.5 **Bulletin** – after much to-ing and fro-ing Bruce decided that the deadline for the next edition will be 7 May.
- 8.6 **Annual Report** – Jeannie is busily preparing the Annual Report and would welcome one-line quotes to include throughout the Report from families stating why Deanmore is such a wonderful school. E-mail these direct to Jeannie.

Meeting closed 9.00pm.

Next meeting: Monday 26 May 2008, 7.30pm in the Staff Room