

Aranda Primary School P&C Association
Minutes
18:30, 9 June 2021

1. Welcome and attendance

Scott Pearce, Lisa Kingham, Penny McKenzie, Janaline Oh (Uniforms), Wendy Robertson (Secretary), Merisha (Mish) Percival (Canteen), Kirsty Munn (Treasurer), Jim Gilchrist, Adrian Watts (Canteen), Joel Dalton (President), Jono Dampney (Public Officer).

2. Apologies

Petra Cole.

3. Confirmation of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by Janaline and seconded by Mish.

4. Reports, written and verbal

a. Principal

Lisa reported on behalf of Phil Gray.

- Maths is a priority for the school, and the World of Maths incursion is currently occurring with grades K-6 participating. There is a direction correlation with students liking maths and their performance, so the school is trying to change perceptions regarding maths – that it can be fun. The school would like to layer what is happening at school with home, and encourage and communicate with parents to support the maths learning of their children.
 - Janaline suggested it would be good to collect ideas for ways in which families can encourage maths at home. For example giving children money to buy party supplies.
 - Mish commented that some NGOs have been putting together STEM curriculum for kids. Scott replied that the school has STEM specialists.
- Plastic free July was launched at the Governor General's house. Lisa Kingham, Myriam Davies, and three Aranda students Yassine, Mila and Susie (who have been tireless in their efforts to encourage single use plastics) attended the event. Aranda family, Tim Miller from Lids for Kids was also there as a guest speaker.
- Online workshop next Wednesday on cyber safety. There has been an increasing amount of issues related to esafety at the school. Staff are attending workshops and professional learning on this important issue.
- Discussion on the pros and cons of surrounding the school with a fence.
- Aranda staff are keen for a table at trivia night.

b. Uniform Shop

- Written report received with thanks, see appendix A.
- Student volunteers are running well.

- Janaline is looking for a replacement.
- Discussion around recruiting

Action: Wendy will look through minutes and email Jim with what the P&C has funded and what we are planning to fund.

c. Canteen

- Mish expressed gratitude that Adrian has commenced in the treasurer role for canteen.
- There have been changes to the menu in term two, for example cauliflower and carrot have been added to the mac and cheese. Spaghetti bolognese is now offered daily. Upcoming special for the Queen's birthday long weekend is Cornish pasties and scones.
- Single use cutlery has been eliminated. Biodegradable cups are using for serving juice and milk for sippas. Ikea cups will be used to serve juice instead of disposable poppers.
- Fun days and sausage sizzles are ahead.
- Currently there has been a \$2000 loss due to the use of casual staff before the new canteen manager commenced, the order of bulk supplies, and wage increases in February. The canteen committee needs to analyse some of the new menu items.
- Mish thanked Jono for the grant paperwork, canteen staff will be able to access training in term 3.
- Still looking at doing a pie pilot, success with Husk bakery, waiting for approval from ACT Nutrition Support Service. The ACT P&C Council are interested in looking into a local supplier for pies so they can recommend an alternative to Mrs Mac's pies to all school canteens..
- Canteen committee will advocate for changes to flexischools to the ACT P&C committee – as it is not fit for purpose. Marjorie Schmetzer will help with evaluating service providers.

5. Courtyard action plan fundraising request

- Scott reported that a number of students need a physical, productive outlet in the playground. Idea is to repurpose the 'frog hollow' to make a space where a teacher is present that would appeal to kids. Jasmine Kite has formed a committee. They would like to create a blank canvas and rotate a box of 'things' so that it doesn't get boring. Would like to have seating and flexibility, and not be too contrived. They have approached a landscaper who is suggesting the project would be between \$7000 to \$10000.
- Joel voiced the unanimous approval by the committee for supporting the project.
- Janaline suggested the place not be made too 'nice' because an ugly messy place is one where kids can create their own space without worrying about messing it up.
- Lisa advised that the landscaper they would use is the same person who did the deck for the preschool and the yearning circle, and will be consistent with the Aranda vision

6. Bike trail upgrade/community day

- Scott reported that parent Aaron Thompson is very passionate about the bike trail upgrade and has written a plan. Two years ago the school had a working bee and put the original bike track in, and now it is time to revamp with the support of Kowalski Brothers and Iconic Trails. A grant from Icon Water has been applied for, and the school is looking for assistance from the P&C. The plan is to put in a pump track as well as a revamp of the rest of the track. Iconic will do the machinery, and then have a community day and get assistance from families for the rest of the labour. Greening Australia will provide the plants. Looking at the work being done in the September holidays. It will be great for the bike education program at the school.
- Joel stated that there is a strong mountain biking community in Canberra, and he fully supports the idea. This is something that the community can come together and get behind. The P&C committee will support this proposal.

7. Fundraising

a. Trivia night

- Will be held on the July 31st, advertising will commence soon.
- Aim is for a social get together rather than to make money
- There will be 10 per table at the cost of \$150 per table.
- Jim reported that the community has been very thankful for Janine Collin's Master of Ceremonial assistance in previous years, and this year the trivia team has decided to give her a break and ask a parent.

b. Shops

- Aranda P&C has been accepted at Grilled for fundraising. Date TBC.
- Joel will investigate whether Aranda P&C could be one of the 'local club' options for fundraising at Southern Cross Club.

c. Bunnings sausage sizzle

- Date set for August 14th.
- Will need square device for payment
- Advertising for volunteers will be through newsletter/class reps/facebook – will link to an online signup form

d. Walkathon/Bookweek

- Joel suggesting that instead of the P&C organising a walkathon around bookweek, instead we organise a colour fun run.

e. Colour fun run

- Joel reports that it is low effort with high reward.
- Kids request sponsorship online.
- Potentially we could hold it in term 4.

Action: Joel will speak to Phil

f. Fete

- Fete committee up and running, fete will be held in term 4, 2022.

g. Local Wine Tasting Evening

- Will be held on a Thursday evening in September at To All My Friends in Cook.

h. Cherry Drive

- Will be held at the end of the year. Lesson learnt from last year – to promote heavily beforehand.

8. Date for AGM

Action: Jim will speak to Kath about what needs to be done in order to call AGM.

9. Other business

- a)** Question regarding platform other sub-committee treasurers are using if not admin bandit
- Potentially only Aranda Afters
 - Discussion surrounding moving the canteen to Zero, and the need for treasurer roles in other sub-committees.
- b)** Penny reported that the request for the mud kitchen from the preschool was in the second phase of improving the preschool grounds. They would like a play area where the kids can role play outdoors with a kitchen. The preschool will investigate the steps.
- c)** Janaline reported that previously the business manager organised the school keep cups, she has asked Sam and Ash to investigate.

10. Date of next meeting

18:30 Wednesday 28 July, 2021.

Appendix A.

Uniform Shop Report

Financials between 2021-05-04 and 2021-06-08:

Opening	\$8,009.20
Incoming	\$2,174.94
Outgoing	\$1,274.60
Net	\$900.34
Closing	\$8,909.54

Payments were made to LW Reid and CMobile.

We still haven't had any response from anyone on a handover for the uniform shop. Unfortunately, for reasons that will be explained at the meeting, Janaline is unlikely to be able to continue as uniform shop coordinator after the end of Term 2, so the P&C will need to find someone quickly. We suggest that, at that point, Felix also hand over the Treasurer function (which is now no longer significant).

Janaline