

**Aranda Primary School P&C Association**  
**Minutes**  
**18:30, 15 June 2022**

**1. Acknowledgement of country, welcome and attendance**

Lisa Kingham (Deputy Principal), Joel Dalton (President), Daisy R, Kirsty Munn (Treasurer), Carol Lander, Teegan Cole (Year Representative), Danish Khan, Kristy Youngman (Board Representative), Penny McKenzie (Book Club)

**2. Apologies**

No apologies received

**3. Confirmation of minutes from the last meeting**

Minutes from the last meeting were confirmed by Joel and seconded by Penny.

**4. Reports written and verbal**

**Principal**

- Lisa reported the main issue for the school at the moment is staffing. Covid has created a severe teacher shortage. All the executives have been on staff.
- Graffiti issue is continuing. Recently \$2000 has been spent on cleaning it up. Some of the graffiti is above the gym and hall, and will need to wait to be cleared up in the break because the work will involve scaffolding.

Joel asked what are the police doing about the vandalism?

- Lisa replied the police are investigating. It appears to be two groups having a turf war, and marking 'their' territory with graffiti. The vandals got on the roof and damaged after school care equipment, and have been turning off the air conditioning units on the roof.
- Jessie Wilson has been visiting schools and gathering information for the proposed upgrade of the senior playground. She will present information to the P&C.

Penny asked if Jessie had contacted the team in charge of upgrading the Aranda suburb playgrounds?

**Action:** Penny will forward email contact to Jessie

Kirsty asked whether the teacher wish list was ready to give to the P&C.

**Action:** Lisa will speak about it to the literacy and maths committees

**Treasurer**

- Kirsty has lodged application for Aranda P&C to be a community partner with Canberra Labour Club – no response to date.
- Insurance has been paid.

## **5. Bunnings BBQ update**

- Joel reported the Bunnings BBQ made approximately \$2200 profit.
- Even though it was cold and a long weekend, there was a good volunteer turnout.
- A few lessons learnt for next year, including booking the BBQ early.

## **6. New 5/6 Playground**

- Joel reported that the P&C would like to know a ball park figure to improve the 5/6 playground, and potentially split the cost with the school and with after school care, also potentially the community.

## **7. Lighting in carpark**

- Joel spoke about the poor lighting in the carpark on Banaga Pl next to the school. There is often problems with stolen cars and police, and could potentially affect the vandalism rates at the school.
- Joel has spoken to Tara Cheyne 2 months ago, who was supportive of funding better lighting. Joel is encouraging the P&C to advocate to local government to support this initiative.

Penny reported that she had also spoken to Tara Cheyne about this issue.

**Action:** Penny will follow up and get an update for the P&C.

## **8. Succession planning**

- Discussion surrounding the roles of the P&C.
- Discussion surrounding ways to improve communication, attract newcomers, and improve messaging.

**Action:** Wendy will get together with Carol, Danish and Joel to come up with an overarching communications strategy.

## **9. Term 3 activities**

### **a. Trivia night**

- To be held at the beginning of term 3.

**Action:** Wendy will investigate dates with Canberra Labour Club.

### **b. Colour run**

- To be held at the end of term 3.

## **10. Other business**

- Wendy reported on her recent discussion with a representative from the Education Directorate at a community meeting for the Hawker College fence proposal.

- Communities do not get a say in the colour or style of the fence. They can control the access points and which part of the school is fenced.
- The Directorate are invited into a school community to run the consultation process after the Principal, Board and P&C have agreed to a fence.
- There is a process to apply for security cameras for ACT schools.
- No response received to the request for recent studies or evidence that supports fencing a college, high school or primary school.
- Wendy suggested a process of step-up measures, such as encouraging graffiti in certain areas creating 'soft vandalism,' encouraging more involvement of community after hours ie by community gardens etc, installation of security cameras.

**11. Dates of next meetings:**

18:30, Wednesday 3 August 2022

AGM, Wednesday 7 September 2022