

Kogarah Public School P&C Association General Meeting

Thursday 29 April 2021

Minutes

Present: Iwona U, Nitsa C, Anna H, Mamta T, Shivani V, Liana R, Franny Y, Lyn S, Habiba K, Jianxun (Peter) L

1. Welcome

Welcomed all attendees. Meeting opened at 9.05am. Anna H to Chair meeting in Jude M's absence.

2. Apologies

Jude M, Philipp T, Lisa S.

3. Minutes

Lyn noted that the discussion regarding possible use of plants in future refers to contacting the nursery in Beach St, however in the past she has contacted the Council. No other comments on the March minutes, accepted by the meeting.

4. Reports

4.1. Principal's Report

The Principal delivered a spoken report with the following points:

- *Work around the school* – the work around the school grounds and signage is almost complete. The work to the playground area between the demountables and the toilets is on hold until we reassess school funds and prioritise need for the students.
- *Level 33 funds* – this money should be transferred to the school shortly.
- *Boundary changes* – boundary changes to the school's enrolment area will soon come into effect. This will affect a small area to the east of Princes Highway between Cross Street and Cross Lane. This is as a result of Kyeemagh Public School becoming a K-6 school, rather than an infants school. There are flow on changes to the boundaries of all schools in the area. This will not affect current students or their siblings. Information will be provided in the next newsletter.
- *Date for 150th celebration* – 9 September 2021

4.2. Treasurer's Report

- Latest statement shows bank balance of 22,786.82. This includes \$1107 raised from the Easter Egg raffle.
- Since that statement was sent, there have been deposits of \$189.20 from the Hot Cross Bun stall.
- The P&C also raised \$49 from 2021 membership fees.

- The new executive will now be able to go to the Commonwealth Bank and become signatories to the account, which will allow us to transfer the \$20,000 community building grant to the school.

4.3. Development and Population pressure sub-committee report delivered by Anna H

- Anna H and Jude M met with local member Chris Minns on 19 April about our concerns with population pressures.
- He said his office will do everything they can to find out information about what the plans are for Kogarah Public and what priority it has. He will update us once they find out more.
- The sub-committee also replied to a letter it had received from School Infrastructure which said they are planning for Kogarah Public based on population projections. In our reply we asked for more information about those projections.

5. Creation of Events sub-committee

Anna H said the executive had met and thought it would be good to create an 'events sub-committee'. The purpose of the sub-committee would be to discuss what upcoming events the P&C might be able to hold or be a part of, liaise with the school about them and coordinate volunteers for the events.

We want to focus on community building as much as fundraising. We also want to celebrate all the different cultures at Kogarah Public School and learn about each other's cultures.

Shivani said she is happy to lead the sub-committee. Anna H said Lisa S and Jude M had also said they would be a part of the committee.

The members resolved to establish an "Events sub-committee".

6. General Business

6.1. Crossing on Kensington St

Anna said Jude has been advised that the Kensington St crossing is on the work list with Georges River council project group. They meet on May 3, and she has put in a request to get an update on a schedule outline.

6.2. Community Building Project Grant – Possibly Project with St Paul's?

Briefly discussed that Jude had suggested exploring a joint project with St Paul's. She will approach them and Ms Comminos before the next meeting. Ms Comminos noted that they are using their car park for additional staff parking but it is difficult to get from the car park into the school grounds. We could explore a project that improves access between the school and the church grounds.

6.3. Walk to School Day – 14 May

Agreed that Walk to School Day would be a fun and simple community event. Iwona suggested the children could wear silly socks to school on that day. Ms Comminos to send a message out on Class Dojo.

6.4. Communication

Briefly discussed what is the best form of communication for P&C Members. Those present were happy with current methods of communication.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be at 7pm, by zoom, on 27 May.

8. Close

Meeting closed at approximately 10am.