

**BROULEE PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
Minutes**

Date: Thursday 31st July 2014

Meeting Opened: Meeting opened at 07:05 pm

Present: As per attendance sheet

Apologies: Tina Clare, Rob Wildman, Leonie McGee. Michelle Dolphin

Minutes: Minutes for general meeting Thursday 12th June 2014 read and accepted as true and correct. Moved by Natalie Fairweather and seconded by Clare Dunn

Guest Speaker:

As part of "Education week", Tania Dorney addressed the P&C on behalf of the Teachers about the importance of Gonski funding. Tania explained that the extra funding would make a huge difference to public schools to bring them up to the minimum resource standard so they could provide adequate programs for all children, especially those with special needs such as ESL, indigenous, regional and remote communities, disabled and those from low socio-economic families.

Tania said that Gonski was a well-researched and excellent platform for public policy which has become a political football. She said that we should all make sure it becomes an important issue at the next election. She asked that parents would support the teachers and take further action to put pressure on the government to fund the final two years of Gonski.

Business arising from previous minutes:

1. Meeting with Lee Gleeson regarding Canteen improvement

Jesse congratulated the canteen on its success at winning the grant for the fridge. She praised the canteen as the best she has ever come across. She highlighted the excellent approach of the canteen to promote healthy eating by pricing healthy items at very reasonable prices, while pricing unhealthy items with higher profit margins.

Jesse read out this paragraph: *'The aims of a school canteen include functioning as an efficient business enterprise by offering regular, consistent and quality service to the school community and recognising that a healthy canteen can operate profitably for the benefit of the school, but its value as a source of profit is secondary to its value as an educational resource.'* from *Summary and Extracts from School Manual on Financial Management. P&C Manual 2013-14.*

Jesse praised the canteen for its excellent achievement of these aims. She noted that there seemed to be problems of getting all parties together for the Lee Gleeson meeting and suggested that the Canteen Committee had the expertise to organise this meeting and to make decisions regarding adopting any suggestions for improvement to profits. Natalie Greenway explained several years of changes in the finances require an understanding of the change in

direction towards healthy eating that our canteen has taken. Jesse reiterated that the P&C had already agreed that healthy eating took priority over profit as an emphasis, and that it would be happy to fund a (reasonable) shortfall if necessary.

It was agreed by the P&C that the Canteen Committee would decide whether or not to adopt any of the auditor's ideas and report back to the P&C. Moved by Sue Lowe and seconded by Natalie Greenway.

2. Ballot for President/Vice President

Jesse withdrew her nomination for President as she would instead like to focus her energies on the Gonski sub-Committee that will be formed. Jesse suggested a ballot be held for the President position at the next meeting, this was unanimous.

Jesse is happy to continue in her role as Vice President in the caretaker position of President until that ballot.

Correspondence:

In:

Email Tina Clare - Canteen Gleeson meeting
Email Broulee PS - P@C member insurance
Email Andrew - Treasury reports
Email Jesse Rowan - Full Gonski report
Email Tina P@C Federation - e-bulletin
Email Jesse Rowan - election process
Email Jesse Rowan - P@C handbook
Email P@C federation - Election notice
Email P@C federation - New constitution
Email Jesse Rowan - Baypost gonski article
Email Jesse Rowan - Baypost Gonski draft
Email Jesse Rowan - Canberra lobby event / Peter Hendy
Letter Prime Ministers office – Referring us to the Minister for Education
Letter Minister for Education – Letter from Christopher Pyne

Out:

Email Jesse Rowan - Moruya P&C gonski Baypost

Business arising out of correspondence

1. Response from Prime Minister and Minister for Education

We received a letter from the Prime Minister referring us to the education Minister. We also received a letter from the Education Minister explaining the Government's "Students First". It was pointed out that this letter appeared to be a standard policy letter and didn't really directly address the original letter sent to the Ministers. A response to this letter will be managed by the Gonski sub-committee

Reports:

**Principals Report
as attached:**

The School walkathon will happen in term 4. Education week was held week beginning July 27 and a good response was received, Sue said it was good to see many fathers attend. Sue provided some additions to version 8 of the Wish list. Also the Uniform policy was ratified through the P&C so the P&C supported a notification to all parents reminding them of the school uniform policy.

**Treasurers Report:
as attached:**

**Fund raising Sub Committee Report:
as attached:**

**Uniform Report:
as attached**

**Canteen Report:
as attached**

Stacey Wade motioned that we setup "Grow it, Eat it, Love it" cooking session's for students. These could be conducted on a regular basis that fits in with the teacher's timetables, seconded by Clare Dunne, all were in favour. Anti-slip protection needs to be added to the wish list.

General Business:

1. **Gonski report from recent conference.** Jesse provided the committee with a full report on Gonski and the recent conference she attended which was also emailed to P&C members.

Sue Lowe motioned that the P&C convenes a sub-committee to champion education funding and the Gonski model. The committee shall comprise a chair person, and at least a parent and teacher representative who will monitor media coverage, political decisions and research related to the topic, decide and act on a plan of action to promote public education and the Gonski Report recommendations. This was seconded by Natalie Greenway and carried by all.

The committee members will be **Chairperson:** Jesse Rowan, **Teacher rep:** Tania Dorney. It was also agreed to publish the forming of this sub-committee in the Scoop and request other Parents/Citizens to join the committee. The report will be published on the P&C website and also reported in the Scoop with a link to the full report.

2. **School buses.** There was heated discussion from parents with some particularly vocal parents voicing their concerns. Especially the safety issues and lack of proper

consultation that could affect Parents work commitments. This is the second time changes have happened, Carroll College did the same thing some years ago.

After questioning, Sue confirmed that there had been no consultation with her, which she would normally expect. Sue also confirmed that the bus companies had both confirmed that they had been requested to keep the proposals confidential at the request of the St Peters principal. A decision was made to write to Department of Transport, Department of Education, Andrew Constance and appropriate Anglican Church Education personnel. Sue was not keen on the P&C writing to local papers and the P&C agreed (at this particular time) not to write to local media. It appears the bus company and St Peter's has made decisions without proper stakeholder/customer input. All were in favour to write to various stakeholders.

4. **Wish list.** Sue Lowe provided additions to the wish list which will be included to form version 9, this was agreed by all

5. **Uniform shop.** Discussion was raised regarding had about paying or reimbursing the uniform shop for time and effort relating to the Uniform shop activities. This matter was postponed until next meeting for everyone to think about it.

6. **Wood fired oven mosaic.** Tim raised the idea of having a drawing competition for students to create a mosaic theme. The P&C could review the ideas and present the best ones to the school and P&C as a whole to discuss which theme to progress with. Student's workshops could happen next term.

7. **Canteen security window screens.** Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed : Meeting closed at 0900pm

Next meeting: 7:00pm Thursday 21st August 2014

Minutes accepted as true and correct.

Signed.....Name.....

Position.....Date.....