

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

Date: Thursday 20th November 2014

Meeting Opened: Meeting opened at 07:10

Present: As per attendance sheet

Apologies: Gail Hoper, Kaye Tocher, Katrina McRae

Minutes: Minutes for general meeting Thursday 23d October 2014 read and accepted as true and correct. Moved by Sharon Hanks and seconded by Caroline McDonald

Guest Speaker:

7:30pm The Moruya Public School P&C Treasurer, Andrew Bain spoke to the committee about a planned 'fun run' along the Sth Broulee Beach to the wind sock on the 20 Feb 15, as a combined Broulee / Moruya P&C fund raising activity. The plan included utilizing the infrastructure and services of the Broulee Surf Club to assist with first aid and vehicle services, and the 'Broulee Runners' for planning. The location and timing would also allow for people to take advantage of the surf clubhouse facilities at the completion of the event, should they choose. There would be a variety of courses in the run to cater for age and ability. The Moruya P&C are encouraging family involvement in the event.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the committee thanked Mr Bain and discussed the proposal. It was motioned by Sharon Hanks; seconded by Natalie Greenway that: "the committee agree to engage with the Moyura P&C to explore the viability of the event before fully committing". Voting took place and the motion was passed.

It was decided that all concerns needed to be addressed and reported to the P&C committee via email or other communication by the 24th December for the Broulee P&C to decide in a reasonable timeframe and to allow planning to occur over the summer holiday period. These concerns included number of people required to run the event; clear separation from the alcohol serving facilities of the Broulee Surf Club facilities; indemnity requirements and support from the surf club and approving authorities for the conduct. Natalie Greenway, Rob Wildman, Lynne Takacs and Simone Elliott agreed to investigate the feasibility and support requirements for the event in conjunction with the Moruya Public School P&C.

Business arising from previous minutes:

- The recent Working Bee went well and in future the event will continue to be staggered to enable people to provide their time flexibly. Most tasks were completed. The request for a boat was answered, but unfortunately was delivered post Working Bee. It will be modified and positioned over the coming weeks
- Ongoing Scoop reminder about upcoming fund raising meeting and P&C general meeting now in place.

- Scoop entry requesting for donation of fruit was not something to follow with due to fruit having to be discarded.

Correspondence:

In:

Email: - 27th October Free Traditional Indigenous Games Workshop

Letter - 14th November acknowledged by Hon A Constance regarding the Bus transport issue. The Minister's reply included information that he had forwarded the matter to the Minister for Transport for proper consideration. It is anticipated that a response from the Transport Minister will be forthcoming prior to end of term.

Out:

Letter 4th November thanking Coastal concrete for their provision of concrete for netball court.

Letters : - 10th Nov 2014 – Bus issue letter to Andrew Constance regarding inadequate response from the Minister for Transport.

Letter – 12th November 2014 - Gonski letter to forty-eight (48) P&C around the Eden Monaro Shire.

Business arising out of correspondence

- A letter was sent as per last Minutes to Andrew Constance regarding an inadequate response from the Minister for Transport relating to the Bus timetable issue.

Reports:

Principals Report as attached:

The Federal Government has announced that funding will only be made available to chaplain trained welfare services within schools, as opposed the current social worker options. The welfare service would be provided without any bias to a single religion. Rob Wildman proposed; seconded by Tim McDonald; "that the P&C supports The Broulee Public School submission of an application to seek funding, for chaplaincy support for the school's social and mentoring programs". The motion generated discussion from all members in attendance. Concerns were raised about how the chaplain would be used in the school and whether it was appropriate to promote religion. It was suggested the program was not so much about promoting religion, but more about facilitating mentoring programs and establishing support paths outside of the teaching staff and in support of the teaching staff. Voting took place and the motion was passed on a majority.

Post meeting note: Below is an extract of an email sent to the P&C President on the 26 Nov 14 from the Acting Principle, indicating no application will be submitted by the school inn 2014 for 2015 introduction.

"In regards to the Chaplaincy application for Broulee Public School for 2015 there is some considerations that need addressing before an application is lodged. Due to the tight timeframe for an application to be lodged it is unlikely that a successful application can be lodged in 2014.

Broader consultation with the wider community is now required by Department of Education. As the P&C is a representative group it does not represent consultation with the broader educational community of Broulee Public School. To do this consultation a greater timeframe needs to be utilised which cannot happen before Friday 28th November.

Also further discussion needs to happen regarding the role of the Chaplain and how it would look in the Broulee Public School context. Staff needed to be included in further discussion”.

Staff raised many valid concerns in regard to this program at this morning’s staff meeting and these need to be addressed in order for them to support an application. These concerns include what programs would be implemented by the Chaplain. We currently do not have a program appropriate for immediate implementation and the timeframe does not allow for us to fully look at programs available”.

Treasurers Report:
as attached:

As at 20/11/14, the balance of the fund raising account is \$24,311.79.
Recent purchase was concrete for netball ring, at \$418.00
Crazy Camel diaries raised just over \$1200 and Pie Drive raised just over \$500.

Other account balances as of today’s date are:

Uniform: \$8,137.68
Canteen long service and maintenance provision: \$2,718.45
Canteen: \$955.48
Petty Cash: \$250.61

Fund raising Sub-Committee Report:

Natalie Fairweather gestured that we should offer a gift to Clare Dunn as Clare has been unwell for several weeks. Natalie Fairweather motioned that: “ a welfare package be obtained from the ‘Moruya Sage Market’ for gifting to Clare”.
Seconded by Tim McDonald. The motion was unanimously passed.

Rob Wildman suggested that we investigate a demountable building for the school to create extra learning space, and consider some targeted fundraising methods to achieve this. This matter is to be raised again at the next P&C meeting scheduled in 2015.

Uniform Report:
As attached.

Canteen Report:
As attached.

Garden club

The schools garden group is an informal meeting of volunteers to help with the growing and maintaining of the school’s veggie patch and fruit trees. We share a passion for the importance of growing our own food and introducing children to gardening, where they can learn that not all food has to come from a supermarket. We get together for working bees, mosaics, or just a chat over afternoon tea, exchanging

ideas on gardening. Kids help out in various ways, watering (a favourite activity), weeding, sowing seeds, composting and best of all eating!

It's important for children to experience the joy of growing their own food, planting a seed, tending it, watching it grow and harvesting. It's a balance to time spent indoors, and for some kids a large amount of time with technology. Kids will experiment with new food when they have grown it and their friends are eating it, although mustard was not a hit, but at least they tried it!

We try to meet twice a term in weeks 4 and 8 on Thursday afternoon 3pm. So come along if you want to help out, have ideas, help encourage children to eat health, or you want to learn how to start your own veggie patch. We would love to see you.

An entry will be placed in the scoop with a link to the P&C website explaining the background to this successful venture.

Gonski Sub Committee Report:

As attached and addition comments by Jesse Rowan

Committee title. The Gonski Committee put forward that the NSW Federation of P&Cs said there is no imperative written in the rules about sub-committees and naming a sub-committee. The P&C seem to agree the strict use of the name subcommittee across all communication was not really necessary but for the purpose of consistency that the name "sub-committee" be always used.

P&C Journal articles. Jesse indicated that the P&C journal publication is ongoing and they will be contacting her with regard to a publication. Jesse will send the next revised publication to the P&C for review before publication.

Visit by the Member for Eden Monaro. Jesse suggested that Mr Peter Hendy MP, visit the school to see how the school administers special programs. This would also be a valuable time for the MP to address the school community and to provide his perspective of the Gonski funding scheme. Sue Lowe explained there is a protocol the P&C needs to follow. Jesse Rowan and Rob Wildman will investigate and progress this.

P&C Gonski website. Jesse thanked Tim McDonald for his involvement in setting up the P&C Gonski website.

General Business:

- Fairy and Dinosaur Garden. Simone Elliott raised the idea of creating a garden during the school holidays and provided a concept plan. It was estimated that \$250 was required for the completion of each garden. Some images were provided of what could be achieved. Natalie Geenway motioned; seconded by Jesse Rowan; that: "not more than \$500 be approved to construct the gardens". Voting took place and the motion was passed.
- Pizza oven equipment. To maintain safe working conditions around the oven, appropriate oven equipment is required. It was motioned by Tim McDonald; seconded by Natalie Greenway; that the P&C approve the purchase of a heat proof glove and a coal shovel to be used with the oven, for an amount not exceeding \$100. Voting took place and the motion was passed.

- Year six farewell. Each the school hosts an end of year celebration and farewell for the year six students. In past years, the students have funded this. It was proposed by Rob Wildman; seconded by Tim McDonald; that the P&C fund the costs of hiring the music for the Year six celebration. Voting took place and the motion was passed.
- Tim and Rob to meet in early February to organise the process surrounding the 2015 AGM.

Meeting Closed: With all matters for discussion completed, the meeting was closed at 9pm

Next meeting:

Minutes accepted as true and correct.

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

Position.....Date