



Avoca Beach Public School P & C Association

Minutes of Meeting — 12th May 2008

Present: Paul Buffey, Kevin Myers, Evelyn Colless, Judith Price-Malgers, Carol Fortey, Roy Diamond (fire brigade), Wilma Vallis, Peter Whelan, Nic Stylianou, Jacqui Thurlow, Julie Fitzsimmons, Deb Rendall

Apologies: Carmel Hamilton, Kerrie Yates, Jodie Watson

ACTION

1. **Minutes of last meeting** were emailed to those present. Accepted as accurate.

2. **Business Arising**

- Spray jacket update – Kerrie Yates-Debbie will pick up through uniform shop
- Football Jumpers – Jodie Watson-Harris family have sponsored and ordered
- Sunscreen Survey – Kev Myers (later)
- School Age – 80 years in 2010.
- BBQ Hot Plates-Paul has done
- Street Party update – Kev Myers (later)
- Ball debrief – Kerrie Yates next time- Ball next year needs to be June or July
- V2 account set up just needs signing

3. **Correspondence (In and Out)**

In

- 2008 Operations Manual guide and policy if anyone wants to read it it's in the P&C slot in the office
- Sunscreen Grant Letter NO grant as doesn't fit "the criteria"
- Surf Club Invoice says we owe \$150 for cleaning

Out

- Woolworths School Grants - \$5000.00 in by end of April decided end of May. 3 applications from our school for cover for new playground, ...
Copy in pigeon hole in office,

ACTION

4. Reports

Principal's Report given by Peter Whelan

- Fence job completed in term 1 work was first class
- Paint peeling off iron work on way to library after only 3 or 4 years. Department of Education person has taken note of it. Can P&C express concern to Department of Education in a letter?
- Green vouchers for school is successful for tanks down the bottom and water harvesting plus a solar hot water panel (\$41000) Confirmed in writing.
- Vandalism is still a problem over the weekend-paint. (Motion sensors needed?) Previous break in people have been caught by the police.
- Parent survey about environment, resources, transition programs, information and communication technology, Individual Learning Programs and other areas. Satisfaction about current and future.
- There may be a thon again term 4 week 1

Letter about rust to be sent by Paul. Peter will give information to Paul B.

Nic will look into independent motion sensing equipment for the next meeting.

Evelyn will coordinate with Neil about putting survey on line for those who want to.

Treasurer's Report given by Carol Fortey

- \$17000 general account
- Ball raised about \$6500
- Mothers day \$1800
- Auditors books all ok
- Kerrie Yates still to sign something

Canteen Report given by Paul

- Nothing to report

Uniform Shop Report given by Paul

- ANZ bank had problems with signatories Debbie will sort
- \$6378 in bank (some outstanding creditors) but will hand \$2K over

ACTION

at end of term

Fundraising Committees

- Fair will have display of fire fighting equipment and show bags? Needs exit access so signs needed and witches hats.
- Trivia night (Evelyn) 25th October
- Hypnosis won't happen
- Street party no date set yet
- Carols by candlelight Wed 10th Dec
- Fair to be just before end of term 1 Sunday 5th April
- Ball to be June, July

Barricade needed so fire truck can leave in a hurry.

5. General Business

a) Wilma spoke about people with difficulties and extension:

- Only 3 pupils have funding for integration
- Learning assistance program is only \$4000 dollars a year for all the rest of the children
- \$10000 from P&C gives an extra 20 hours a week given by Fiona, Jo and Patricia.
- Teachers recommend who gets assistance, every 2 weeks there are meetings about how to help people in your class. TA's take reading groups TA knows program to run in consultation with class teacher.
- Stage 2 Fiona has a group every day
- Lexia just introduced and depending on score they start at a level. Lexia starts from sounds through to comprehension. Wilma showed samples of computer scheme (started on 12th Feb). Wendy (yr1) and Wilma (stage 2) have taken whole classes to computer room twice a week. Wilma says great for a few kids especially if they are easily distracted but some have not made progress as they are book or people type learners. Suggests buy a license for 30. Mechanics of reading is the primary aim of Lexia. Lexia costs \$8000 for a one off which has already been paid for.
- Extension groups- all the teachers make an effort to differentiate

Extension costs \$8000. It's raised from school costs and hire of facilities etc.

ACTION

the lessons but now a staff member has a day a week with 12 from each stage chosen to take part in the extension groups in Maths, English and technology. This year because more expertise is needed and the time demands on one teacher running all the stages different teachers run each stage. (The funding to cover the casual comes from the \$38 school costs plus hall hire etc.) English stage 3 group (Wilma) has entered newspaper competition, Stage 2 (Di) has written scripts for movies and Lyn has done the poetry for stage 1. The dept has a gifted and talented policy which is consulted when the stages get together to choose the students for the group. They look for people working at a level beyond the stage level. How many times they have been in extension is considered. Under achievers are looked out for. Other local schools are keen on what we are doing. P&C funding for these programs is appreciated.

- Tayla Craig has motor neurone disease and needs assistance. She is profoundly deaf and now has difficulty using pens and keyboards so needs computer software for voice recognition (\$400) to access the curriculum.

P&C will fund software

b) Discount card program

- Cards about to be reprinted
- new stands to advertise in shops
- \$4000 from last year

Paul and Nic to find out about 1000 bar code thingy/ credit card

c) Sunscreen survey

- Reminder about sun protection to go in newsletter no survey to happen

Kev to put reminder in newsletter

d) Street Party

- After lots of discussion Kev to run a party in the park and tell us details next time

e) Parent teacher nights without pupils? How can parents speak to teachers without child knowing?

- Parents can phone/write and ask for appointment at any time.

6. Date of next meeting: 16th June 2008 (due to Queens Birthday on 9th June).

Meeting concluded: 9:35 pm.