

## Otford P&C Meeting #3 2021

<b>Date:</b>	Tue 27th April
<b>Time:</b>	7.30pm - 9.10pm
<b>Location:</b>	Otford Public School  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89326349208?pwd=SDVZMEJQZFI2Uk12Vmc0QThuR25QQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89326349208?pwd=SDVZMEJQZFI2Uk12Vmc0QThuR25QQT09</a>  Meeting ID: 893 2634 9208 Passcode: 314305
<b>Attendees:</b>	Dallas Baird (President) Sophie Cresswell (Vice President) Brett Giddings (Vice President) Eleonor Bell (Treasurer) Sarah Deitz (Secretary) Lucy Lee Kingsley Reeves Lucinda Crossley-Meates (via Zoom) Rebecca Stone (via Zoom)
<b>Apologies:</b>	

## Minutes

Item
1. Dallas opened meeting at 7.35pm and acknowledgement of country
2. O/S School funding to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAT online tests for a statement of costs for this year, based on 51 students. It will be around \$975 (Awaiting on ACER to confirm exact costs). Not due until 28/10 so will move item off agenda for now.</li> <li>School is also trialling "Essentials"</li> </ul>
3. Treasurer's report (see accompanying document). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting final costs from Brett for Easter fundraiser.</li> <li>Eleonor to check how much we made from Easter raffle last year</li> </ul>

#### 4. Principals report (see accompanying document)

- Survey for before & after school care to be circulated to parents.

#### 5. FB Group update

All agreed on motion to change the description of the FB Group to 'Parents and carers of current OPS students and financial members of the P&C only. Eleonor to action.

Bec also highlighted that for the school facebook group they do an annual social media audit and are careful about who they approve to join the group.

#### 5. Review of P&C admin actions (details below)

- Bank a/c signatory updates. Dallas still needs to become a member (DB/EB)
- P&C membership fees - complete (EB)
- P&C member register - complete (EB)
- Email list clear-up (SD)
  - Bec to check with the parents of new student if they want to join the P&C mailing list.
  - LL hasn't been able to contact Jackson's grandparents.
- Dallas has sent new committee details to Lee Evans office but hasn't had a response (DB)
- Constitution update on website - not urgent (LCM)
- Dallas to send P&C newsletter updates every other Wednesday for inclusion in Friday newsletter (DB)
- NEW: ACNC 2020 Annual Information Statement due before 30 June - Eleonor to action (EB)

#### 7. OPS Bus

- Fun4You have costed at \$30k investment
- ~ 10 students currently, also impacts on attraction & retention of families
- Explore a costing arrangement with Waterfall before/after school care
- We lobby local government for a solution because child safety is at risk
- We explore grants for the school and possible partnerships with other local community services e.g. NINA
- <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/primary-schools/before-and-after-school-care>
- Bec informed us that this has been an ongoing issue that she has tried various avenues over the years. It's a grey area as duty of care ends at 3pm at the school gates.
- The closest this got to a resolution was exploring a non-profit parent funded daycare run by a local parent. The parent would need to be licensed to run this.
- Dallas will contact Lee Evans office to escalate for a resolution, highlighting child safety and contextualising the impact on enrolments.
- Dallas to investigate media opportunities to further escalate the issue.

#### 8. Ethics teacher still needed

- Tuesday's 2.30 - 3pm
- Kingsley may be able to do it in the future but currently has other commitments at that

time.

### 9. Mother's day (9th May) stall

- Stall will be on Thu 6th May
- Bec said there should be some cellophane and other packaging materials in the storeroom cupboard.
- Rules are that no-one will be excluded.
- Anything leftover possibly give to the lady whose house caught fire in Otford Road.

### 10. School garden

- The working bee went well
- Zoe Bell was tasked with researching and putting a list together of plants to grow.
- Lucy estimates \$50 - \$60 of funding needed for plants & fertilisers.
- Sophie suggested discussing with the nursery if they could sponsor the garden.
- Bec said that there are watering cans and gardening equipment in the sports shed and this is accessible every recess.
- Bec has said that the school won't incorporate gardening/cooking into the regular curriculum for the moment as it is a lot of time and effort and when the kids have been asked about it there has been very little interest. However, Kirsten was working with her class on raising seeds previously, so there may be some seeds that could be planted.
- Brett mentioned that he wasn't aware of the timings for the working bee.
- We discussed non-digital ways of letting parents know about this type of things and agreed that we would use the noticeboard outside school to post physical notices.
- Committee voted and approved up to \$50 of funds for school garden supplies.

### 11. Current fundraising updates

#### **Crazy Camel / Children's artwork products (EB)**

<https://www.crazycamel.com.au/>

- Discussed when an art project could be done in class and early T3 was agreed so that there will be time to order for Christmas.

#### **Bunnings sausage sizzle/keestall (EB)**

- School needs to sign the letter and then we will be put on the roster for the sausage sizzle.
- They're not doing keestalls at the moment.

#### **Otford community dinner raffle (SC)**

- Ticket sales have been going well
- Decided to have a Friday after school BBQ as a community event and a chance to draw the raffle. Date in May tbc.

## 12. Fundraising outdoor focus & grants

- Bec will get kids involved with ideas/designs as part of the STEM program at end of T3

## 13. Grants

### Connecting neighbours (SC)

\$250 / \$1000 grant deadline 26th April.

<https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/connecting-neighbours>

Sophie confirmed she submitted grant application.

### Tradies sustainability grant (EB)

Has helped fund sustainability projects across NSW including bushland regeneration, school vegetable gardens and chicken coops, composting programs, sustainable irrigation systems and native bee hives.

The 2021 grant pool is \$25,000 focusing on 'Energy Efficiency' Applications close 25th June 2021.

- Bec said that the solar panels are not working. If we can get a quote to fix these we may be able to use the grant for the repairs.
- Bec is also going to check the latest energy efficiency audit she had done to see if there are any opportunities for fund requests.

## 14. Other fundraising

- Sophie has a couple of interested people for the fund-raising sub-committee.
- Kingsley talked about hosting a Laser Disco at the Burgh. He has discussed with Charlie at the Burgh and they are open to using the venue.
- Generally there is no alcohol allowed on school grounds. However, it should be possible for the P&C to apply for a community user agreement and alcohol licence for an event. Eleonor to investigate further.
- Bec said that Book Fair will be in October this year and will be lined up with Grandparents day
- There was a lack of enthusiasm to do the colour run again this year.
- Bron's curry stall was very popular previously and could be resurrected.

### Ideas previously discussed

- Resurrecting the school fete (SC)
- Movie nights
- Did the stash of tea-towels get sold? (EB)
- Adults only night with food trucks and activity e.g. swing lessons ~ \$30/ticket
- The guy from The Strides has recently moved back to Otford.
- Stanwell park has a successful disco bingo / quiz night
- Can we serve alcohol on school grounds? (Bec to find out from Scarborough Principal)
- Camp out with bbq breakfast, tap into hikers and Inner West market.
- Return & Earn collections

- Terracycle recycling. You receive donations for items collected, Sarah to present back suggested schemes (SD)
- War on Waste event (SD)

**15. Soccer coaching**

- Dallas has been offered a woman's league player from Sydney FC for a coaching clinic for ~ \$300.
- Bec discussed in the teachers meeting. The feeling was that it needed to be fair & equitable for all students, and that \$300 for one session was high compared to other sports coaching.
- Dallas to go back and see if there is an option where all students would be given the opportunity to be part of the coaching.

**16. Turning circle outside school**

- Sophie raised the issue of safety around the turning circle for pickup and dropoff
- Bec has investigated all the options for this without success
- Bec advised that we write to the council complaining about the risk to child safety

**17.** Confirmed that Tuesday's at 7.30pm was a good time for the meeting. Sarah to book meeting for end of May.