

Otford P&C Meeting #5 2021

Date:	Tue 22nd June
Time:	7.30pm - 8.35pm
Location:	Otford Public School https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89563220087?pwd=MllpNEV5UGg0NlFBRnRXaUVDVjgvdz09 Meeting ID: 895 6322 0087 Passcode: 727991
Attendees:	Dallas Baird (President) Brett Giddings (Vice President via Zoom) Sophie Cresswell (Vice President via Zoom) Eleanor Bell (Treasurer) Sarah Deitz (Secretary) Kirstin Flamme (Relieving School Principal via Zoom) Kingsley Reeves
Apologies:	Rebecca Stone (School Principal)

Agenda

Item
1. Dallas opened at 7.40 with acknowledgement of country
2. Treasurer's report (see accompanying document)
3. Principals report Lots going on in T3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Science week, focus on chemical science ● Arts afternoon ● Southern Star rehearsals and other arts, music & drama planned for all students ● Cricket gala ● El reminded Kirstin that the Crazy Camel art needs to be incorporated into the curriculum at the beginning of T3 so it's ready in time. Kirstin will follow up with Michelle Milner as she has some visual arts planned. Outdoor area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● El found a sink on PIF and grabbed it for the mud kitchen.

- Kingsley is going to check his garage for some ropes and stumps that could be used.
- John and Diamond are renovating and might have some other items that could be used, Kingsley to check with them.
- Nb. any pallets need to have been heat treated to be usable, they should have a stamp on them, I think it's "HT".
- Brett to follow up with Miss V on helping the kids with their ideas and brief writing.

4. Update on meeting with Lee Evans / Bus schedule

- Lee Evan's hasn't given any available dates for a meeting.
- He forwarded Dallas' letter to Andrew Constance, NSW Minister of Transport & Roads.
- Lucy has been talking to Nina about using their buses. They have an 11 seater and 22 seater bus. She is meeting with them next month to see what it would take to get this running. This will give us some concrete \$\$ numbers to put together a funding proposal.
- Pete mentioned to someone that he was planning on buying a 20 seater bus.
- Next year we're expecting 5-6 new Kindy's, losing 8-9 Year 6's (plus lost 3x children this term due to moving back to Canada), so overall looking like ~ 6 less headcount for next year.

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

- Dallas writing a paragraph or two about the P&C for the updated school booklet. (DB)
- Reimbursements paid to Brett for Easter? (BG/EB)
- Constitution update on website - not urgent (LCM)
- School garden plants & fertilisers (LL)

8. Grants

Connecting neighbours grant - (SC)

We got \$300 to host a seed swap (or something) event.

Tradies sustainability grant (EB)

Time has run out to apply for this grant, but Bec has identified other grants to fund the solar system repair.

- 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.

Update 22/06

- Current investigation looks like it is the meter box that is a problem. Origin Energy has been contacted to fix it.

7. Fundraising updates

It was raised that there were some students selling chocolate at school for other fundraising causes e.g. netball teams. This was a concern around kids eating unhealthy food without parents' knowledge. Kirsten was not aware of this and will follow up.

This raised a discussion around what types of fundraising are appropriate. E.g. Are we ok with selling unhealthy food to children? Additionally in regards to the meat tasting attempt there are a number of families that are vegan or vegetarian and disagree ethically with eating meat.

We discussed running a survey and/or creating a set of guidelines around what fundraising sits right with the values of the school and parents.

As a small school we need to be mindful of:

- a. A small community with diverse opinions and turnover meaning it will be difficult to please everyone all the time.
- b. Larger funding opportunities will often come from controversial sources, we should consider each of these on a case-by-case basis e.g. if McDonalds wanted to donate \$10k worth of school lunches, it would likely be a no, but if the \$10k was for an outside play area, then we would discuss with families.
- c. Often opportunities are ones we seek out, e.g. applying for grants.
- d. Ultimately all P&C members have a right to vote on opportunities (reminder it's \$2 membership to become a P&C member :))

Term 3 fundraising events:

- Disco at the Burgh (Kingsley & Dallas)
- Father's day stall (Lucy Lee)

Term 4 fundraising events:

- Seed swap / plant sale (utilising neighbourhood grant \$300)
- Could incorporate a food option, e.g. curry stall, food trucks
- Selling Gingerbread house kits.
- In reference to the unhealthy food discussion above, we agreed that Gingerbread house kits were an opt-in for families and a family activity.

Bunnings sausage sizzle/cake stall (EB)

- Bunnings sausage sizzle: El has sent the P&C insurance info to Bron. So we're just waiting for Bunnings to give us a date on the roster.

Movie night(s)

- Dallas to look into further with an aim of holding the event in T4, Oct/Nov, try for before the clocks change.

Immersive light & sound event

- Kingsley is looking to partner with Govinda Valley and use their grounds.
- A lot of logistics to realise this, need to secure the venue first and then create the art to suit the environment.
- Not realistic for this year, but maybe T1 next year

9. Next meeting Tuesday 27th July 7.30pm
Meeting closed 8.30pm