

Otford P&C Agenda #6 2021

Date:	Tue 27th July
Time:	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Location:	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83582836382?pwd=ditPSDILOG52WkVSK3ZxZkNtemU4UT09 Meeting ID: 835 8283 6382 Passcode: 969475
Attendees:	Dallas Baird (President) Rebecca Stone (School Principal) Brett Giddings (Vice President via Zoom) Eleanor Bell (Treasurer) Sarah Deitz (Secretary) Kingsley Reeves Alexis Pillsbury
Apologies:	Sophie Cresswell (Vice President via Zoom)

Agenda

Item
1. Meeting opened & acknowledgement of country at 7.35pm by Dallas.
2. Treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No movement since last time ~\$7k in bank Insurance due August 1st ~ \$500/yr
3. Principals report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bec asked for feedback from parents on how home-schooling was going. Everyone's feedback in the meeting was good, acknowledged and appreciated the effort the staff have gone to and can see improvements from last year. Happy that resources are printed out for collection, and that the teacher is on video during the day. Bec said that last year they lost a few families with the online learning, and having the teacher on video was implemented to try and combat this and seems to be working. Every day we are seeing 42-44 students attending morning assembly out of 48 students. The teachers try to mirror a real school day, but also provide flexibility. Some families prefer to home-school in the afternoons which is no problem. Every student has been

submitting their work.

- The school is happy to pivot if needed.
- Sarah raised that all is good with the academic side but there's an impact on the social development side due to not being in the school environment.
- Bec noted that there is a virtual 'playground' where kids can interact in Teams, but that students can't create their own video meetings as a teacher always needs to be present.
- They have however engaged the senior students to look at more fun/social activities on Wednesday afternoons.
- P&C can post on facebook to see if anyone has any feedback or want to raise anything.

Crazy Camel artwork fundraiser

- This is trickier in lockdown as we need to make sure everyone gets to do an artwork, and there are requirements around keeping the paper flat and in good condition.
- Bec said that they could possibly have families collect art supplies on Friday at resource pick-up to enable them to do it from home.
- We could also leave this until T4, or postpone until next year.

Southern Stars

- This has been moved to T4 but given the size of the event, it may either become some kind of virtual event, or may be cancelled.

4. Bus schedule / before & after school care

- School received an email from dept. of transport suggesting we change the school bell to 9.15am / 3.15pm to lessen the impact of the bus schedule.
- Bec talked about it being a big deal for a school to change their bell time.
- It has been done locally based on bus schedules e.g. Coledale, Austinmer.
- We have 48 kids, and we would need to consult with parents
- We discussed sending out a survey to families. Need to think about what questions to ask around what the impacts might be for individual families including before & after childcare.
- Question was asked around if the bus schedule stops at Fun4You, if so this could also help with before & after school care.
- Another option to investigate is if Fun4You would consider obtaining a grant to facilitate a bus that could transport kids to and from school. Bec has had initial talks with HPS principal, but would need to discuss more with Fun4You.
- Dallas to draft survey questions.
- Sarah to implement survey in survey monkey.

Enrolments / Out of area

- Bec announced that there is a new online enrolment system this year that allows us to set a cap & buffer for student numbers and will allow out of area enrolments based on this. This should hopefully be up and running before the end of term.
- We're sitting at 5 enrolments for next year, all locals. Losing 8 from year 6 so overall will be 46 at the moment, which means we will lose funding for a teacher and need to go to 2 classes. 48 is our magic number to keep our 3 class structure so out of area enrolments are really important to us this year.

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

- P&C federation renewal for membership & insurance due 1st Aug (EB)
- Dallas writing a paragraph or two about the P&C for the updated school booklet. Missed this year, so not urgent. We can also include a letter with the permission forms asking for permission to add to the P&C mailing list. So this would be good to prioritise. (DB)

8. Grants

Connecting neighbours grant - (SC)

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

Solar system repair update

Bec has identified other grants to fund the solar system repair.

- The system we have is really old, looking to get updated to a more recent one.

7. Fundraising updates

Term 3 fundraising events:

- Unlikely that any fundraising activities will occur in T3 due to uncertainty around lockdown / restrictions.

Term 4 fundraising events:

- We didn't discuss T4 events due to uncertainty around lockdown / restrictions
- Seed swap / plant sale (utilising neighbourhood grant \$300)
- Could incorporate a food option, e.g. curry stall, food trucks
- Selling Gingerbread house kits.
- Possible Burgh disco postponed from T3

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 (DB).

8. Social interaction

- Kingsley raised if there was anything else that could be done for the social interaction bit.
- Bec mentioned that last year she believed that a number of parents used zoom to create their own playdates and adult catch-ups, so this can be done just not as part of the virtual school environment.
- Bec also had an idea for a virtual art display possibly tied in with the camel artwork where kids can drop off their artwork and the school can laminate and hang up on the school fences.

9. Next meeting will be Tuesday 24th August at 7.30pm via Zoom.
Meeting closed 8.15pm.