

General Meeting Minutes & Principal Report – week 8 Term 2 14 June 2022

General Meeting Minutes Lennox Head Public School Parents and Citizens Association 14 June 2022, 6:00pm, Club Lennox

Welcome: Meeting open at 6:07pm

Attendance & Apologies:

Present: S. Leonard, J. Lachmann, D. Langfield, S. Tatum, I. Yap, L. Jeffers, E. McKenzie, K. Nimmo

Apologies: C. Kotsireas, K. Smith, T. Ranyard

Acknowledgement of Country

Presentation and confirmation of previous meeting minutes: Presented. 1st E. McKenzie, 2nd I. Yap

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- Special P&C meeting 21 June – update on organising. Tuesday 21 June 6-7pm. Deb to confirm with DoE attendees. Flyer to be sent out on School Stream (update location to school library). Sophie to put flyer on P&C FB page – ask for indication of attendance. Some information should be in the Lennox Wave this month. Meeting is for P&C members and parents/carers of the school community.
- Fundraising planning meeting update. L. Jeffers – meeting on Wednesday 22nd at Mr. Topsy's 6pm – all P&C members welcome.
- LHPS website links. School dates have been put up. Link to School Infrastructure still to happen.

Reports:

- Principal's Report: Received and attached.
- Treasurer's Report: Received and attached. T. Ranyard absent. ACNC Annual Report to be added to next agenda. Discussion about the need for a method to pay for merchandise (e.g. Mothers Day stall, Fathers Day stall) directly from P&C accounts.
- Canteen Report: Received and attached. Need to look at options for maintaining canteen staffing, should Caz require time off for surgery. S. Leonard to discuss with T. Ranyard. I. Yap is happy to work on the small garden beds to grow canteen food. Canteen needs to be brought up to code – This was supposed to happen pre-floods. D. Langfield to ask question of DoE.

General Business:

- School build update. Catherine Cusack has had a tour of the school (she is on the Parliamentary Inquiry committee).
- Thank you: Carol Erskine & Michelle Gilmore's have expressed their appreciation and thanks for the thoughtful gifts given to them by the P&C after the sudden passing of Carol's brother & Michelle's husband.

- Flood fundraiser money allocation – S. Leonard suggested some small schools around Lismore are wanting sports equipment donated. S. Leonard and E. McKenzie to contact schools to see what is needed and report back next meeting.

Next Meeting: 9 August, 6:00pm

Meeting Closed: 7:17pm

Principal Report – week 8 Term 2 2022

- Our Athletics Carnival will be Thursday 16th June for events – high jump, discuss, shotput etc plus years 5-7 running and tablets at Megan Crescent – students will walk to here Then last day of term 2 – Friday 1 July, will be for field events (children 8 and over only at this event)– all running and long jump. This will involve bus travel and will be at Geoff Watt Oval in Alstonville.
- Kinder 100 days at school – will be Friday 1 July.
- Assemblies- roster is on the school website – please note there will still be the odd tweak as sometimes unforeseen things happen. Wait until end of lunch then enter at gates near hall.
- Reports will go out for this semester at the end of the term- hopefully Thursday week 10.
- Paul Bryant Public Speaking – Week 9 – Tuesday 21 June
- Reminder.....Covid cases of course are still around. If you child tests positive you must let us know. A reminder if students have symptoms they will be sent home. Please test students as required. If they are unwell please keep them at home until they are well. If there is a case in your household, you need to notify the school so that we know they are household contacts and will need to be tested each day they are at school over those 7 days.
- Rat kits were sent home 2 weeks ago – unsure if we will be getting anymore. Haven't been informed re term 3 plans as yet.
- Re proposed new school build...I am still waiting for the official piece of paper with the information that states that my staffing will not be affected.
- NB- I haven't added this link to website yet – but we will – been a little manicTo contact infrastructure – phone – 1300482651 or email – schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au -
- End Of Term 2 – Friday 1 July 2022. First day term 3 for students – Tuesday 19 July
- Calendar – re school term dates has been added to the website.
- Other upcoming events listed on the home page of website as well.
- Choir students in Coffs harbour last week. From all reports a wonderful concert and thanks so much to Miss Somerville for putting in all of the work to make this happen. Reminder when there are events like this – we can't control how many tickets will be available or how

quickly they will sell out. Past experience as a parent – as soon as you get the information to purchase, do it that day to avoid missing out. The staff cannot help you with this.

- The \$500 that was given to each child in the 7-flood affected LGA's was a lovely bonus for everyone. We are incredibly lucky that every child got this money – as initially we assumed it was only going to be for flood impacted families. Reminder re what it can be used for has been sent in a schoolstream, we cannot go back and refund items already paid for. All notes coming out from this date will have a box with the option to use fees in advance. We were unaware re the timing of this or how they were going to do it – so please don't be annoyed with the office staff re what it can be used for. Be grateful that something was provided for all students without an onerous application program. We thank those families who have offered theirs to other families to assist them. The money is there for students to use until the end of 2023. It can follow you to another government school, but not to a private/catholic school.
- Casuals – as you can appreciate there has been a lot of illness with both students and staff lately. We have on occasion had difficulty getting casuals to cover classes. We are doing our utmost to cover classes everyday, but there may on occasion be a need to split a class, or use a learning and support teacher, so those programs may not run on some days. The person on casuals calls can make over 20 calls some mornings to no avail. If we did have to go to minimum supervision (which has happened in some other local schools) that would mean we simply can't get replacement staff.
- Parents on site – I have discussed with staff – at this stage it is remaining how it is – we simply can't work out a plan that would work due to the nature of the site and what would lead to congestion around classrooms. Hopefully in a new school, we can have a drop off area where parents can walk to a point on school grounds – we simply don't have the space the way it is currently designed. There is nowhere people can wait of an afternoon that won't be distracting to classes.
- Reminder you are welcome to contact staff through SEESAW – younger classes or call and/or email the school to make a time to see teachers if necessary. Teachers are busy building relationships with students all of the time (this has become increasingly more cohesive over the last 2 years with no door stop conversations – they have more time to teach and nurture your child. – they are not in the business of becoming friends with parents – it is a professional relationship. Rest assured they will call you if they need to touch base, as you can do with them.
- If you need to look in lost property let me know at the gate and I'll let you in to look with your child if necessary.
- Coming up next term – education week – (week 3 – from 1 August) where we will have an open day for parents to visit classrooms. Week 3 of next term – Mrs Blair will also have a book fair where parents can come to look and purchase this will be in the library before and after school dates/times to be advised – this has been unable to go ahead the last 2 years. Book parade will be week 5 – Wednesday 17 August