

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Lennox Head Public School P&C Association

Location: Club Lennox

Date: Tuesday 11 October 2022

Time: Meeting opened 6:09pm

1. REGULAR ITEMS

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

S. Leonard

1.2 Attendance and Apologies

Present: D. Langfield, S. Leonard, J. Lachmann, E. McKenzie, S. Tatum, K. Smith, I. Yapp, T. Ranyard, K. Nimmo

Apologies: L. Jeffers

1.3 Presentation and confirmation of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of 13 September 2022 made by E. McKenzie Second I. Yap

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 School build update

D. Langfield reported no new information, but a PRG meeting is being organised for this term. Communication from DoE is to be cc'd to P&C email in future.

2.2 Canteen

2.2.1 Staffing

One applicant is coming in this week for a trial.

Action: S. Leonard to arrange advertising in Lennox Wave for next advertising cycle (contact is Northern Rivers Media)

2.2.2 Alterations to the canteen.

S. Tatum reports the upright freezer is not working. The new fitout will be completed over the Christmas holidays to bring it up to code – this excludes appliances.

Action: T. Ranyard will check with football club for spare freezer to borrow. K. Smith to post on local facebook groups requesting freezer donation.

2.3 Fundraising money from Easter Raffle

S. Leonard has contacted Cabbage Tree Public School to see if there is anything they need, and waiting to hear back.

This agenda item to remain until money is all donated.

2.4 Fundraising

I. Yap suggested getting a list of things that the school wants the P&C to pay for next year, to plan goals for major fundraisers. This information can also be used to apply for Council grants. T. Ranyard suggested the school getting a bus for travel to sports.

Action: D. Langfield will look at this with staff before the end of the year.

2.4.1 Halloween theme disco event Thu 27 October

Staff are happy to help with the disco. K. Smith has organised for Woolworths to donate sausages, bread and icy poles. Planning for 400 people. Permission note needs to include box ticking for gluten free and vegetarian. Kids will need to prepay for their entry and food package, cash to the office. No physical tickets – list of names to be ticked off upon entry. Pricing - \$10 per ticket or \$20 per family. Prizes for best dressed – tickets to movies, tough nutters, ice creams. Decorations – a few simple white decorations, e.g. electric candles in white bags, to give spooky feel. Set BBQ and tables up in a way that cuts off access to playground equipment.

Actions: D. Langfield to check gas bottle. T. Ranyard to check with C. Erskine about thank-you certificates for business who have donated. D. Langfield to send risk assessment form to S. Leonard. K. Nimmo to work on flyer. K. Nimmo to lend Halloween decorations. S. Leonard to ask Choice for decorations, and paper cups. K. Smith to send note to school office staff for checking.

2.4.2 Fathers Day stall action items

K. Nimmo reported that if everything had arrived and if there was a centralised place to hold it, then everything would have gone smoothly. However, all systems in place now should make it a lot easier next year.

Action: K. Nimmo and K. Smith will review quantities.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Principal

Received and attached.

3.2 Treasurer

Received and attached.

3.3 Canteen

S. Tatum reports that the last two terms have been solid. Next meeting will have an entire year of Spriggy and can present figures. No written report this month.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion about using Aboriginal names for sporting houses. Moving to the new school site would be a good time. D. Langfield agrees it is a good idea.

5. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: 8 November 2022

Meeting closed: 7:22pm

P and C Meeting – Term 4 Week 1 – Tuesday 11 October- Principals Report

- Concrete work done in the holidays, pressure washing and some trees planted down the back and drainage works completed near bubblers.
- Safe On social information sessions for students Stage 2 and 3 – Term 4 week 3 – 26 October – held during school time. The Year 2 students are now also going to be included in these sessions
- Illness – thanks to everyone for ensuring children stay away when they are unwell. Reminder the rules re isolation change on the 14th – we are yet to receive a directive as to what this will look like in schools.
- Monday 24 October – Grandparents day – information to come.
- Kinder O - next term – Tuesday 25 October, 1 November and 8 November. Parent session will be Tuesday 8 November in the library. They will be walking in the gates.
- I will be on leave the rest of this week and Monday next week – family. Reminder I am in Sydney all of week 4.
- K-2 Swimming – weeks 8 and 9 in term 4 – notes to come hopefully this week. All should be able to attend as most still have their \$500 flood relief grant to use. If students were not in the LGA's at the time of the floods they do not have these funds – eg new enrolments
- Major Presentation day – Friday 16 December – this is now also the last day of term.
- Currently looking at what class structure /organisation might look like in 2023 – but still a bit unsure re exact numbers of students – this will continue to be finalised throughout this term. Reminder parents cannot request teachers but if you would like your child potentially separated from some one due to a valid reason you may have please put this in writing and we will see what we can do. I have some EOI's out now to fill some positions in a temp capacity due to maternity leave positions etc
- Art Show – very successful Lions Club raised \$4000.00 for our school and the silent auction of class artworks made \$2203 – so a great weekend.
- End of year parent survey is also ready for parents to access please – we will send this link via schoolstream also only 23 responses so far. This closes end of week 4
- [.https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/8y3v9](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/8y3v9)
- Reminder if there is an issue related to something happening at school, please don't assume that a teacher can see you straight away. If you give us a brief background via email or a phone call first, we can then make a mutually agreeable time to discuss the concern.

A few government announcements in the holidays –

1. A critical change to how teachers are observed under the Performance and Development Framework (the workload of every Principal just increased)
2. New Departmental team that parents can contact to complain about teachers, principals, students, and curriculum
3. Unqualified students studying education specifically at Australian Catholic University will be allowed to teach
4. The introduction of the Teach for Australia Program, which means the workload of APs and other staff will increase. They are trying to target the hard to staff schools....
5. Additional RFF time for teachers for new curriculum PL – which schools will have to fund – not a staffing entitlement
6. Additional RFF for exec staff funded – but only until 2025 – concerns over finding additional staff in many schools.

7. The introduction of a so-called "Chief Behaviour Adviser", which will create more admin work for teachers and school counsellors alike. We are unsure how this will even work – we would all rather have full time counsellors.

8. – Pay issue ongoing – On Wednesday, the Perrottet Government will attempt to push through a new three-year award that will see teachers receive a 2.53% pay increase at a time inflation is tipped to reach 7.1%.

The award they are seeking to push through has no commitment to addressing the workloads that have seen many teachers burn out and leave the profession.

Last week the Executive of Federation met and authorised a Day of Action to protest this move from the Premier.

- Reports for term 4 – we hope to be introducing you to the Sentral parent portal APP – where you will find reports – so no more printing paper copies. We will also be using other features in this APP next year – more information to come as we work through it.
 - First day of school 2023 – teachers attend Friday 27 Jan and Monday 30 Jan – students start years 1-6 on Tuesday 31 January. Kinders will do Best start testing first
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