

General Meeting Minutes
Lennox Head Public School Parents and Citizens Association
10 May 2022, 7:00pm, Club Lennox

Welcome: Meeting open at 7:08pm

Attendance & Apologies:

Present: S. Leonard, J. Lachmann, D. Langfield, S. Tatum, I. Yap, L. Jeffers, K. Smith, C. Kotsireas, B. Winters, C. Domensino, K. Kernaghan, E. McKenzie

Apologies: K. Nimmo

Acknowledgement of country

Presentation and confirmation of previous meeting minutes: Presented. 1st S. Tatum, 2nd L. Jeffers

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- Easter raffle fundraising money. Close to \$4,000. This is for flood relief – D. Langfield notes that schools are covered by insurance, and suggests waiting for people to get back into their schools/homes and see what aid is needed then. A sooner option is to donate to the Lions Club to distribute. T. Ranyard moves motion to investigate options, 2nd I. Yap.
- School website calendar – cannot put a calendar up but will put up key dates. D. Langfield to action.

Reports:

- Principal's Report: Received and attached.
S. Leonard volunteered to be P&C rep at Kinder information night.
- Treasurer's Report: Received and attached.
Bank signatories need to be updated – remove K. Kernaghan (2021 President) and add J. Lachmann (2022 Secretary). T. Ranyard moves motion to change fundraising account from CBA to Southern Cross Credit Union. 2nd J. Lachmann.
- Canteen Report: Received and attached.
Canteen is short of volunteers this term – K. Smith suggested a write-up for School Stream to reach a wider audience than school community facebook pages. S. Tatum to action.

General Business:

- Recap of special meeting with DoE 3.5.22. J. Lachmann presented a written summary of this meeting.

Discussion:

- D. Langfield to request minutes of the DoE meeting from C. Vidler.
- There is concern it will be extremely difficult for DoE to find a suitable site in Lennox without archaeological and flood constraints.
- I. Yap suggested school website includes link to School Infrastructure website that has all of the project updates. D. Langfield to action.

- D. Langfield noted that as the school population shrinks with the new zoning, the oldest demountables would be removed first and this would not actually give more playground space because of their location.
 - The wider community needs opportunity to become better informed about the school zoning and proposed new school.
 - Noted that P. Campbell volunteered to attend P&C meetings if requested.
- School rezone

I. Yap raised concern that due to site constraints the new LHPS may not be in Lennox, and that perhaps it would be merged with smaller schools outside Lennox village. K. Kernaghan noted that if there is not a school here then it affects not just students and their families but also local businesses.

L. Jeffers proposed a meeting for wider Lennox community with DoE present. Tentative date is Tuesday June 21 6pm in LHPS hall. D. Langfield to determine date with DoE. I. Yap and K. Smith to contact Lennox community stakeholders such as Lennox Wave, The Echo, Chamber of Commerce.

- Parliamentary inquiry update

NSW Senate Parliamentary Inquiry to School Infrastructure NSW. P&C has previously made a submission. I. Yap and K. Kernaghan participated in the inquiry by video call on 9.5.22. I. Yap gave opening statement and included key points – that community and stakeholders need to have a say, need more transparency around timeframe, and high changeover of staff positions in DoE have been frustrating. I. Yap showed pictures of demountables and play space to inquiry. Explained that through most of the process the DoE had been working from Sydney on the LHPS project with minimal to low local consultation. Local knowledge of population increase was not listened to – so population projections were completely wrong. The original proposed school upgrade would not accommodate current school population. The Parliamentary Committee included Catherine Cusak, who is a Lennox local and was not aware of the issue. Inquiry report will be completed around October – but the process is live so more submissions can be made over time.

- Representative for Project Reference Group for new school build

S. Leonard – motion for K. Kernaghan to be P&C representative on Project Reference Group, 2nd K. Smith. K. Kernaghan to report back to P&C meetings.

- Mothers Day Stall review

\$340 profit. L. Jeffers motion for a planning meeting for future fundraisers, and develop guidelines for events so that everyone can access it. 2nd J. Lachmann. L. Jeffers to action.

- Parents on school site

K. Smith referred to extensive discussion that happened last meeting about parents not being allowed on site for drop off and pick up. Has received email from D. Langfield that this will not be allowed again due to safety (D. Langfield no longer present at meeting at this point).

The Cross Country and Easter Hat Parade allowed parents to be involved and were very positive experiences. There is still a feeling in the school community that there is a lack of connection between parents and the school and we would like to rectify this.

Agenda item for next meeting – Building a connected school community that benefits everyone. Brainstorm ideas for building relationships between parents and teachers.

Next Meeting: 14 June, 6:00pm at Club Lennox

Meeting Closed: 9:19pm